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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 25, SIXTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, and the American Legion, respectively, shall, with accompanying illustrations, be printed annually hereafter as separate House documents of the Congress to which they may be submitted.

Approved, June 6, 1924.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Boston, Mass., November 10, 1930.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 25, Sixty-eighth Congress, approved June 6, 1924, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Proceedings of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 24 to 29, 1930, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Past Adjutant General.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

ROLL OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

CINCINNATI, OHIO, AUGUST 24 TO 29, 1930

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in chief

EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.¹

Senior vice commander in chief

CHARLES E. NASON, Portland, Me.¹

Junior vice commander in chief

JAMES W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho¹

Surgeon general

EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.¹

Chaplain in chief

Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio¹

Adjutant general

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Newton, Mass.¹

Quartermaster general

COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.¹

Judge advocate general

J. W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa¹

Inspector general

WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.¹

National patriotic instructor

CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio¹

Assistant adjutant general

JAMES H. WEBB, Boston, Mass.¹

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian

SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.¹

Chief of staff

GEORGE A. HOSLEY, West Somerville, Mass.²

GEORGE R. BROWN, Brooklyn, N. Y.¹

Senior aide

M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.¹

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

MEMBERSHIP SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 1,162. Deducting previously reported, the net voting strength is 1,076.

NATIONAL OFFICERS, PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENTS	Depart- ment officers	Repre- senta- tives	Past depart- ment com- manders	Past senior vice depart- ment com- manders	Past junior vice depart- ment com- manders	Total	Deduct pre- viously re- ported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote.....						12		12
National council of adminis- tration.....						43		43
Past commanders in chief.....						10		10
Past senior vice commanders in chief.....						10		10
Past junior vice commanders in chief.....						4		4
Alabama.....	4	1	5			10	1	
Arkansas.....	4	2	5	4	1	16	1	15
California and Nevada.....	4	18	24	14	15	75	2	73
Colorado and Wyoming.....	4	4	9	5	7	29	4	25
Connecticut.....	4	5	10	4	2	25	1	24
Delaware.....	4	2	7	1	2	16	1	15
Florida.....	4	3	14	1	3	25	1	24
Georgia and South Carolina..	4	1	4			9	1	8
Idaho.....	4	2	9	6	4	25	3	22
Illinois.....	4	18	11	9	7	49	1	48
Indiana.....	4	10	11	4	6	35	2	33
Iowa.....	4	12	9	5	4	34	3	31
Kansas.....	4	13	8	6	8	39	1	38
Kentucky.....	4	2	6	2	1	15	2	13
Louisiana and Mississippi....	4	2	3	1		10	1	9
Maine.....	4	4	12	6	5	31	3	28
Maryland.....	4	3	5	5	2	19	3	16
Massachusetts.....	4	13	11		1	29	6	23
Michigan.....	4	9	6	7	2	28	2	26
Minnesota.....	4	6	16	1		27	2	25
Missouri.....	4	6	9	4	8	31	2	29
Montana.....	4	2	14		1	21		21
Nebraska.....	4	6	13	6	6	35	2	33
New Hampshire.....	4	2	10		1	17	1	16
New Jersey.....	4	4	11	5		24	3	21
New Mexico.....	4							
New York.....	4	21	13	7	6	51	7	44
North Dakota.....	4	2	15			21	1	20
Ohio.....	4	20	9	10	6	49	4	45
Oklahoma.....	4	2	9	7	2	24	1	23
Oregon.....	4	2	11	6	5	28	2	26
Pennsylvania.....	4	22	9	10	3	48	3	45
Potomac.....	4	2	6	4	1	17	3	14
Rhode Island.....	4	2	9		1	16	1	15
South Dakota.....	4	1	10	1	1	17	4	13
Tennessee.....	4	2	9	1	2	18	1	17
Texas.....	4	1	10		1	16	1	15
Utah.....	4		9		1	14	3	11
Vermont.....	4	3	10			17	1	16
Virginia and North Carolina..	4	1			1	6	1	5
Washington and Alaska.....	4	4	10	4	3	25	1	24
West Virginia.....	4	2	5			11	1	10
Wisconsin.....	4	8	12	6	1	31	2	29
Total.....	172	245	398	152	120	1, 162	86	1, 076

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: John A. Barr, Citronelle.¹
Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.¹
California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles.¹
Colorado and Wyoming: William Wilson, Denver.¹
Connecticut: Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.³
Delaware: William Buckius, Wilmington.
Florida: M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald, Ga.¹
Idaho: Otto F. Steen, Boise.¹
Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.^{1 3}
Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.¹
Iowa: Oley Nelson, Slater.¹
Kansas: W. W. Nixon, Jewell City.¹
Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.¹
Louisiana and Mississippi: John Stogner, Lake Providence, La.¹
Maine: Nathaniel White, Augusta.¹
Maryland: George Prechtel, Baltimore.¹
Massachusetts: Henry Clark, North Cambridge.^{1 3}
Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.¹
Minnesota: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.²
Missouri: H. M. Anderson, Kansas City.
Montana: W. L. Lewis.¹
Nebraska: E. F. Brown, Lincoln.
New Hampshire: H. S. Paul, Portsmouth.
New Jersey: William O. Allen, Newark.^{1 3}
New York: Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester.
North Dakota: J. W. Carroll, Lisbon.¹
Ohio: Emmett F. Taggart, Akron.^{1 3}
Oklahoma: John Powell, Anadorka.
Oregon: Charles True, Newberg.
Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.^{1 3}
Potomac: John Middleton, Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island: Samuel A. Whelden, East Providence.¹
South Dakota: H. P. Carson, Huron.¹
Texas: Max Hart, Houston.
Utah: W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City.
Vermont: E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center.
Virginia and North Carolina: H. W. House, Portsmouth, Va.¹
Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy, Spokane.¹
West Virginia: J. M. Smith, Wheeling.
Wisconsin: E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.¹

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Executive committee.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871)	1866
S. A. Hurlburt, Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)	1866-67
John A. Logan, Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)	1868-1870
Ambrose E. Burnside, Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)	1871-72
Charles Devens, Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)	1875-76
John C. Robinson, New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)	1877-78
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1879
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1894)	1880
George S. Merrill, Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1882
Robert B. Beath, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1914)	1883
John S. Kountz, Ohio (died June 14, 1909)	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)	1885
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896)	1886
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1887
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1888
Russell A. Alger, Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)	1890
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1891
A. G. Weissert, Milwaukee, Wis. (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1892
John G. B. Adams, Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)	1894
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1895
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1896
John P. S. Gobin, Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)	1897
James A. Sexton, Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899)	1898
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)	1899
Albert D. Shaw, New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)	1899
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, Mo. (died June 1, 1929)	1900
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)	1902
John C. Black, Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, Massachusetts (died in office, July 6, 1905)	1904
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. ¹	1905
James Tanner, New York (died Oct. 2, 1927)	1905
Robert B. Brown, Ohio (died July 30, 1916)	1906
Charles G. Burton, Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926)	1907
Henry M. Nevius, New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn. ¹	1909
John E. Gilman, Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)	1910
Harvey W. Trimble, Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)	1911
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1912
Washington Gardner, Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928)	1913
David J. Palmer, Washington, Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928)	1914
Elias R. Monfort, Ohio (died July 29, 1920)	1915
W. J. Patterson, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926)	1916
Orlando A. Somers, Indiana (died June 9, 1921)	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924)	1918
James D. Bell, New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919)	1919
Daniel M. Hall, Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925)	1919
William A. Ketcham, Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y. ¹	1921
James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa ¹	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930)	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, East Millsboro, Pa. ¹	1924
John B. Inman, Springfield, Ill. (died Dec. 15, 1929)	1925
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. ¹	1926
Elbridge L. Hawks, Sacramento, Calif. (died Aug. 13, 1930)	1927
John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr. ¹	1928

¹ Present.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)	1868
Lucius Fairchild, Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)	1868-1870
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1871-72
Edward Jardine, New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)	1878
John Palmer, New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)	1879
Edgar D. Swain, Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)	1880
Charles L. Young, Ohio (died September, 1913)	1881
W. E. W. Ross, Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)	1882
William Warner, Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)	1883
John P. Rea, Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)	1884
Selden Connor, Maine (died July 9, 1917)	1885
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, Calif. ²	1886
Nelson Cole, Missouri (died July 31, 1899)	1887
Moses H. Neil, Columbus, Ohio	1888
A. G. Weissert, Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)	1889
Richard F. Tobin, Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)	1890
George H. Innis, Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)	1891
Henry W. Duffield, Michigan (died July 13, 1912)	1891
R. H. Warfield, California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)	1892
Ivan N. Walker, Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)	1893
A. P. Burchfield, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)	1894
E. H. Hobson, Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)	1895
John H. Mullen, Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)	1896
Alfred Lyth, New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)	1897
W. C. Johnson, Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)	1898
Daniel Ross, Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1899
Irvin Robbins, Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911)	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)	1900
John McElroy, Washington, D. C. (died Oct. 12, 1929)	1901
William M. Olin, Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)	1902
C. Mason Kinne, California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)	1903
John R. King, Baltimore, Md. (elected commander in chief July 17, 1905) ^{1 3}	1904
George W. Patten, Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1905
George W. Cook, Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)	1905
William A. Armstrong, Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)	1908
William M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif.	1909
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.	1910
Nicholas W. Day, New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March, 1923)	1912
Thomas H. Soward, Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)	1914
William F. Conner, Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, D. C. ²	1915
William H. Wormstead, Marblehead, Mass.	1916
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C.	1917
John G. Chambers, Portland, Oreg.	1918
Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif. ²	1919
George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass. (died May 13, 1930)	1920
Robert W. McBride, Indiana (died May 15, 1926)	1921
C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, Tex.	1922
Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, Wis. ^{1 3}	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Mass. ¹	1924
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich.	1925
A. G. Beatty, Independence, Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, Buffalo, N. Y.	1927
James E. Jewell, Fort Morgan, Colo. ¹	1928

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Past commander in chief.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1866-1869
Louis Wagner, Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, California (died July 14, 1918)	1871
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, Ohio	1871-72
Edward Ferguson, Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-76
William Earnshaw, Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)	1879
George Bowers, New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, California (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)	1884
John R. Lewis, Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allen, Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, New York	1888
John F. Lovett, New Jersey (died ———)	1889
George B. Creamer, Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, Connecticut (died ———)	1897
Daniel Ross, Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patton, Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn. (died Apr. 23, 1930)	1905
E. B. Fenton, Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)	1906
William M. Scott, Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)	1907
Charles C. Royce, Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)	1908
Alfred B. Beers, Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1909
William James, Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)	1910
William A. Ogden, Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)	1912
A. S. Fowler, Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)	1913
W. F. Conner, Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1914
Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, Mich. (elected Apr. 1, 1915)	1915
Le Vant Dodge, Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)	1915
E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La.	1916
John M. Vernon, Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)	1917
Charles H. Haber, Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)	1918
Isidore Isaacs, New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)	1919
J. E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.	1920
Henry A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.	1921
C. V. Gardner, Rapid City, S. Dak.	1922
George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md.	1923
John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr. ^{1 3}	1924
William O. Allen, Newark, N. J.	1925
Charles H. Haskins, Los Angeles, Calif.	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, St. Paul, Minn. ¹	1927
Henry J. Kearney, New York City	1928

¹ Present.³ Past commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876; reorganized March 12, 1899. Membership, December 31, 1929, 14. Posts, 2]

Department commander-----	LYMAN C. REDFIELD, Birmingham.
Senior vice department commander----	HENRY M. AUSTIN, Birmingham.
Junior vice department commander----	JAMES ASHWORTH, Birmingham.
Assistant adjutant general-----	GEORGE F. JACKSON, ¹ Birmingham.
Representative-----	JOSEPH NIXON (at large), Mobile.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle, 1868-1870. ²	C. A. Cook, 1908. ²
Datus E. Coon, 1871. ²	Thomas R. Gockel, 1909. ²
George H. Patrick, 1871-1880. ²	Henry M. Austin, Birmingham, 1910.
F. G. Sheppard, 1889. ²	Charles C. Chapin, 1911. ²
Seymour Bullock, 1890. ²	W. H. Brooks, 1912. ²
A. B. Hayes, 1891. ²	Joseph Greenwood, 1913. ²
William Snyder, 1892. ²	Anson B. Culver, 1914. ²
J. Clyde Millar, 1893. ²	Charles A. Mange, 1915. ²
Charles W. Buckley, 1894. ²	J. J. Powers, 1916. ²
Manoah Bostick, 1895. ²	E. F. Quinn, 1917. ²
George Wollenhaupt, 1896. ²	Isaac W. Higgs, 1918. ²
W. H. Black, 1897. ²	A. W. Fulghum, Birmingham, 1919. ²
A. G. Bethard, 1898. ²	John A. Barr, Citronelle, 1920. ¹
A. P. Stone, 1899. ²	James Ashworth, Birmingham, 1921. ⁵
George B. Randolph, 1900. ²	Chester K. Roe, 1922. ²
G. F. Jackson, Birmingham, 1901.	George Hoenig, Cullman, 1923.
E. D. Bacon, 1902. ²	Henry F. Dodd, Whistler, 1924.
R. H. Allison, 1903. ²	Frank McCloud, Fairhope, 1925. ¹
Henry Chairsell, Birmingham, 1904. ²	W. W. Clapp, Birmingham, 1926.
A. G. Negley, 1905. ²	Littleton W. Williams, Birmingham, 1927. ²
A. N. Ballard, 1906. ²	William Rife, Citronelle, 1928-29.
W. M. Campbell, 1907. ²	
Charles E. Peck, 1908. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Thomas Barr, New Orleans, La.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Scarlet, Republic, 1927.	C. M. Ingersoll, Whittler.
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ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1929, 38. Posts, 6]

Department Commander-----	SAMUEL E. HENDERSON, Little Rock. ¹
Senior Vice Department Commander----	M. C. STOUTEAGLE, Little Rock.
Junior Vice Department Commander----	W. B. BROWN, Bauxite.
Assistant Adjutant-General-----	JOHN Q. HAYS, Little Rock. ¹

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATE

J. M. Bryant (at Large), Little Rock.	Olander Todd, Little Rock.
Edgar Henry, Little Rock.	

¹ Present. ² Deceased. ³ National council of administration.

ARKANSAS—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, 1883-84.²
 C. M. Barnes, Guthrie, Okla., 1885.²
 C. C. Waters, 1886.²
 Thomas Boles, 1887.²
 S. K. Robinson, 1888.²
 A. S. Fowler, 1889-90.²
 W. H. H. Clayton, 1891.²
 Powell Clayton, 1892.²
 Logan H. Roots, 1893.²
 Thomas H. Barnes, 1893-94.²
 William C. Roberts, 1895.²
 O. H. Spellman, 1896.²
 A. H. Sockland, 1897.²
 W. G. Gray, 1898.²
 George W. Clark, 1899.²
 A. L. Thompson, 1900.²
 W. G. Akers, 1901.²
 J. H. Avery, 1902-03.²
 Edward T. Wolfe, 1904.²
 W. S. Bartholomew, 1905.²
 John W. Lane, 1906.²

Cos Altenberg, Little Rock, 1907.^{1 3}
 Charles E. Newman, 1908.²
 A. Y. Killingsworth, 1909.²
 J. M. McClintock, 1910.²
 R. J. Maxson, 1911.²
 F. W. Tucker, 1912.²
 A. S. Fowler, 1913-14.²
 Charles C. Warner, 1915.²
 H. F. Wallace, 1916.²
 O. J. Kyler, 1917.²
 Horace Wyman, 1918.²
 Samuel Henderson, 1919.¹
 Jacob E. Leas, 1920.²
 George W. Clark, 1921.²
 C. H. Parish, 1922.²
 George W. Clark, 1923.²
 Orin Parker, Bentonville, 1924.²
 W. C. Stouteagle, Little Rock, 1925.
 John Q. Hays, Little Rock, 1926-27.
 Samuel Henderson, 1928-29.¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. W. Richardson, Eureka Springs, 1924.²
 C. J. Aldridge, Siloam Springs, 1925.²
 E. S. Kinsey, Gentry, 1926.²
 A. L. Herrick, Little Rock, 1927.²

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. J. Osborn, Siloam Springs, 1929.¹

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1929, 1,712. Posts, 73]

Department commander----- JOHN C. CHAPMAN, San Francisco.¹
Senior vice department commander----- P. D. SWICK, Pomona.
Junior vice department commander----- PERRY NEEDHAM, Sacramento.
Assistant adjutant general----- H. L. JUDELL, San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES

James Dixon (at large), Long Beach.¹
 J. B. Bartley, Omaha.¹
 C. W. Cookran, Long Beach.
 C. S. Barber, Los Angeles.¹
 A. Lingenfelter, Los Angeles.¹
 John McKibben, Orange.
 H. M. Mingay, Tejuanga.
 J. S. Willson, Los Angeles.
 M. T. Manus, Los Angeles.¹
 O. H. Mennet, Los Angeles.¹
 R. C. Blair, Los Angeles.¹
 A. S. Stimson, San Diego.¹
 George Seitz, National Military Home.
 E. C. Smith, Long Beach.
 James McConnell, Biggs.¹
 W. H. Ellsworth, San Bernardino.
 J. Millikan, Lodi.¹
 George W. Hall, Orange.

ALTERNATES

U. H. Emick (at large), Glendale.¹
 John Hartung, Monrovia.
 John Renouf, Inglewood.
 Martin L. Guth, San Francisco.
 P. S. Lynch, San Bernardino.
 R. H. Shifflett, Long Beach.¹
 Charles Heacock, National Soldiers Home.¹
 S. R. Yoho, San Francisco.
 Frank Mann, Long Beach.¹
 David Read, Whittier.¹

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John F. Miller (provisional), 1867. ²	W. G. Hawley, 1902. ²
James Coey, 1868–69. ²	William R. Shafter, 1903. ²
W. L. Campbell, 1870. ²	Charles T. Rice, 1904. ²
W. E. McArthur, 1871–72. ²	W. W. Russell, 1905. ²
W. H. Aiken, 1873–74. ²	William C. Alberger, 1906. ²
A. Carlson, 1875. ²	William G. Waters, 1907. ²
A. C. Bagley, 1876. ²	Samuel Merrill, 1908. ²
S. W. Backus, San Francisco, 1877.	W. S. Daubenspeck, 1909. ²
S. P. Ford, 1878–79. ²	E. L. Hawk, Sacramento, 1910. ²
C. Mason Kinne, 1880–81. ²	H. V. Parker, 1911. ²
W. A. Robinson, 1882. ²	W. R. Thomas, Oakland, 1912. ²
J. W. Staples, 1883. ²	G. M. Stormout, Pomona, 1913. ²
James M. Davis, 1884. ²	B. B. Tuttle, 1914. ²
R. H. Warfield, 1885. ²	Hiram P. Thompson, 1915. ²
W. R. Smedburg, 1886. ²	A. E. Leavitt, 1916. ²
E. S. Salomon, 1887. ²	C. H. Haskins, Los Angeles, 1917. ¹
T. H. Goodman, 1888. ²	John H. Roberts, 1918. ²
George E. Gard, 1889. ²	R. C. Martin, Los Angeles, 1919.
A. J. Buckles, 1890. ²	George D. Kellogg, 1920 (died in office).
W. H. L. Barnes, 1891. ²	G. M. Burlingame, 1920. ²
J. B. Fuller, 1892. ²	William H. Noll, Los Angeles, 1921. ^{1 3}
E. C. Seymour, 1893. ²	S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, 1922. ²
J. M. Walling, Nevada City, 1894.	James R. Milner, Long Beach, 1923. ²
C. E. Wilson, 1895. ²	George W. Grannis, 1924. ²
T. C. Masteller, 1896. ²	C. S. Stoddard, 1925. ²
N. P. Chipman, 1897. ²	Peter H. Mass, San Francisco, 1926.
Sol Cahen, 1898. ²	W. A. Packard, Los Angeles, 1927.
A. F. Dill, 1899. ²	H. H. Woodruff, Oakland, 1928.
George M. Mott, Berkeley, 1900.	Darwin B. Wolcott, 1929.
George Stone, 1901. ²	
J. Clyde Millar, 1893, transferred from Alabama. ²	
George Hoxworth, 1897, transferred from Arizona. ²	
James P. Rhodes, 1920, transferred from Arizona.	
D. P. Kyle, 1921, transferred from Arizona. ²	
H. F. Wallace, 1916, transferred from Arkansas. ²	
U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.	
R. H. Mellette, 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming. ²	
P. Q. Stoner, 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina. ²	
Silas Wilson, 1919, transferred from Idaho. ²	
Joseph S. Reynolds, 1877, transferred from Illinois. ²	
John J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.	
O. H. Coulter, 1899, transferred from Kansas. ²	
Perry H. Manchester, 1900, transferred from Montana. ²	
A. V. Cole, Long Beach, 1885, transferred from Nebraska.	
Clarendon E. Adams, 1895, transferred from Nebraska. ²	
James W. Edwards, Fullerton, 1902, transferred from New Mexico.	
H. B. Steward, Santa Monica, 1910, transferred from New Mexico. ¹	
John C. Gipson, San Diego, 1902, transferred from New York.	
William A. Bentley, 1891, transferred from North Dakota. ²	
J. P. Cummings, 1894, transferred from Oklahoma. ²	
James E. Burns, Fresno, 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.	
W. H. Hornaday, Veterans' Home, 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.	
W. S. Tilton, Burbank, 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.	
M. V. Lucas, 1884–1886, transferred from South Dakota. ²	
E. T. Langley, 1890, transferred from South Dakota. ²	
Philip Lawrence, Pomona, 1900, transferred from South Dakota.	
Thomas E. Blanchard, 1902, transferred from South Dakota. ²	
M. A. Breeden, 1900, transferred from Utah. ²	
William H. Bostaph, San Leandro, 1902, transferred from Utah.	
Frank M. Davis, 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska. ²	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

W. H. Wiscombe, Long Beach, 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.²
 John J. See, Pasadena, 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 A. H. De Groff, 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George W. Herr, Sacramento, 1909. ²	Arthur E. Vest, San Diego, 1923.
H. G. Thompson, Berkeley, 1917. ²	M. E. Gates, San Francisco, 1924. ²
E. C. Durfee, Santa Barbara, 1921.	John C. Kendrick, Pasadena, 1926. ²
John T. Nourse, San Francisco, 1922. ¹	H. L. Gould, Los Gatos. ²

H. P. Barnum, San Diego, 1897, transferred from Illinois.
 John H. Ogle, San Diego, 1915, transferred from Indiana.
 Perry H. Bahl, San Diego, 1917, transferred from Missouri.²
 James A. Wear, Veterans' Home, 1911, transferred from Utah.
 Peter Swick, Pomona, 1906, transferred from Iowa.
 Charles H. Hall, Santa Monica, 1899, transferred from Pennsylvania.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Wm. H. Wharff, Berkeley, 1890.	S. W. Sutton, Santa Ana, 1924.
Barney Brown, Long Beach, 1917.	Abram E. Cohn, San Francisco, 1925. ²
Alden B. Willey, Vallejo, 1918.	Wm. L. Stone, Santa Rosa, 1926. ²
P. E. Newman, Santa Ana, 1919. ²	Henry H. Wood, Long Beach, 1927.
L. W. Allum, Riverside, 1922.	J. L. Hattery, Long Beach, 1928.
A. A. Wood, Modesto, 1923.	W. H. Mershon, 1929.

W. H. Sallada, Los Angeles, 1884, transferred from Iowa.
 Julius S. Smith, National City, 1899, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 H. S. Clyde, Modesto, 1912, transferred from Oregon.
 F. E. Wyman, San Jose, 1928.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1929, 311. Posts, 19]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	DAVID N. HEIZER, Colorado Springs. ¹
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	C. A. SHIVELEY, Denver. ¹
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	A. H. MILES, Denver. ¹
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CONKIE, Denver. ¹

REPRESENTATIVES

L. Easterly (at large), Fort Logan.¹
 J. B. Earl, Denver.¹
 J. F. Snow, Denver.
 R. A. Cockins, Denver.

ALTERNATES

Charles H. Pridmore (at large), Denver.
 H. M. Rhoades, Denver.
 A. A. Mayer.
 Tobias Mattox, Colorado Springs.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, 1876. ²	George Ady, 1887. ²
Andrew W. Taylor, 1878-79. ²	John W. Browning, 1888. ²
John W. Donnellan, 1880-82. ²	Thomas J. Fisher, 1889. ²
Eugene K. Stimson, 1882-83. ²	Delos L. Holden, 1890. ²
Byron L. Carr, 1884. ²	George W. Cook, 1891. ²
Aninman V. Bohn, 1885. ²	John C. Kennedy, 1892. ²
Henry Bowman, 1886. ²	Myron W. Reed, 1893. ²

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

COLORADO AND WYOMING—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Nathaniel Rollins, 1894. ²	Henry M. Minor, 1912. ²
Nicholas J. O'Brien, 1895. ²	Cyrus A. Brooks, 1913. ²
Horace O. Dodge, 1896.	O. S. Reed, 1914. ²
U. S. Hollister, Hollywood, Calif., 1897. ²	Frank O. Burdick, 1915. ²
William T. S. May, 1898. ²	James Moynahan, 1916. ²
Andrew Royal, 1899. ²	William H. Comstock, 1917. ²
Harper M. Orahood, 1900. ²	Asa Curl, 1918. ²
Linus E. Sherman, 1901. ²	Carol M. Bills, 1919. ²
James W. Huff, 1902. ²	Marshall S. Crawford, 1920. ²
Harrison S. Vaughn, 1903. ²	James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, 1921. ¹
Thomas J. Downen, 1904. ²	Samuel J. Capps, 1922 (died in office). ¹
George W. Curfman, 1905. ²	A. W. Hogle, Denver, 1923.
Loren C. Dana, 1906. ²	William Butler, Longmont, 1923. ²
Richard H. Mellette, 1907. ² (see California and Nevada).	J. C. Plank, 1924. ²
Henry C. Watson, 1908. ²	J. L. Randall, Denver, 1925.
John W. Wingate, Durango, 1909. ²	W. M. Robertson, Denver, 1926.
William W. Ferguson, 1910 (died in office).	J. E. Laycock, Manitou, 1927.
William H. McDonald, Grand Junction, 1910. ²	C. Ricketts, Boulder, 1928.
Dexter T. Sapp, 1911. ²	W. E. Moses, Denver, 1929 (died in office).
	R. Q. Tenney, Fort Collins, 1929.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Conkie, Denver, 1909. ¹	A. J. Winters, Rocky Ford, 1925.
J. B. Stewart, Fort Morgan, 1913.	A. H. Miles, Denver, 1927. ¹
J. M. Lawrence, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, 1922.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. A. Baxter, La Junta, 1920.	A. Minneair, Denver, 1926.
E. E. Fitch, Laramie, Wyo., 1921.	A. J. Rawson, Olathe, 1928. ¹
John B. Bowersox, Longmont, 1923.	A. B. Pope, Denver, 1929.
A. M. Story, Denver, 1890, transferred from New Mexico.	

CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1929, 282. Posts, 41]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	FRANK A. CARGILL, ¹ Bridgeport.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> ---	LEWIS L. BAKER, New London.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> ---	NATHAN COE. ¹
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	EDWARD T. ABBOTT, ¹ Bridgeport.

REPRESENTATIVES

Homer F. Northrop¹ (at large), Waterbury.
 Charles Douglas.¹ New Haven.
 Thomas Bracken,¹ Bridgeport.
 Henry L. Lankton,¹ Wethersfield.
 Eugene Davidson.¹ Meriden.

ALTERNATES

William Singleton (at large). New Haven.
 James M. Collins, Hartford.
 Lyman Whitehead, Danbury.
 George C. Crocker, Norwich.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland, 1867. ²	Charles S. Buckbee, 1874-75. ²
Theodore G. Ellis, 1868-69. ²	William E. Disbrow, 1876-77. ²
William H. Mallory, 1870-71. ²	Frank G. Otis, 1878. ²
L. A. Dickinson, 1872-73. ²	Charles E. Fowler, 1878-79. ²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

CONNECTICUT—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

George S. Smith, 1880. ²	Albert A. May, 1905. ²
Alfred B. Beers, 1881. ²	Virgil F. McNeil, New Haven, 1906. ²
Ira E. Hicks, 1882. ²	Charles A. Appel, 1907. ²
Isaac B. Hyatt, 1883. ²	Edward Griswold, 1908. ²
William Berry, 1884. ²	George Haven, New London, 1909.
Frank D. Sloat, 1885. ²	Edson S. Bishop, 1910. ²
John T. Crary, 1886. ²	Richard J. Cutbill, 1911. ²
Henry E. Taintor, 1887. ²	William H. Dougal, 1912. ²
Samuel B. Horne, 1888. ²	James R. Sloane, 1913. ²
William H. Pierpont, 1889. ²	Fred V. Streeter, 1914. ²
John C. Broatch, 1890. ²	Charles Griswold, 1915. ²
Henry N. Fanton, 1891. ²	Henry J. Seeley, Bridgeport, 1916. ²
Benajah P. Smith, 1892. ²	Benjamin H. Cheney, 1917. ²
Wilbur F. Rogers, 1893. ²	Christian Quien, 1918. ²
Selah G. Blakeman, 1894. ²	George T. Meech, Middletown, 1919.
John M. Brewer, 1895. ²	Randolph Williamson, 1920. ²
Oscar W. Cornish, 1896. ²	Christian Swartz, Norwalk, 1921.
Gustav D. Bates, 1897. ²	Orrin M. Price, 1922. ²
William Simonds, 1898. ²	John L. Saxe, 1923. ²
Henry R. Jones, 1899. ²	Ira R. Wildman, Danbury, 1924. ¹
John K. Bucklyn, 1900. ²	James W. Davis, 1925. ²
Thomas Boudren, 1901. ²	James R. Young, Waterville, 1926. ¹
N. Burton Rogers, 1902. ²	Charles M. Shailer, Devon, 1927. ¹
Morgan G. Bulkeley, 1903. ²	George A. Tucker, 1928. ¹
William C. Hilliard, 1904. ²	James Haggerty, 1929. ¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Joseph J. Noxon, Middletown, 1920.	Adrain P. Sloan, Hartford, 1925. ²
William F. Steinberg, New Britain, 1921-22. ²	Albert P. Stark, Bristol, 1927.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Lewis L. Baker, New London, 1929.	Charles E. Hart, New Haven.
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DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1929, 50. Posts, 3]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JAMES LYNN, ¹ Wilmington.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	CHARLES ZERBY, Wilmington.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	WM. T. SMITH, Richardsons Park.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM BUCKINS, ¹ Wilmington.

REPRESENTATIVES

Augustus Miller (at large), Dover.
Moses Weil.¹

ALTERNATE

Celeb Woodrow, Wilmington.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair, 1881. ²	Samuel Lewis, 1890. ²
John Wainwright, 1882. ²	A. J. Woodman, 1891. ²
Daniel Ross, 1883. ²	G. W. Stradley, 1892. ²
C. M. Carey, 1884. ²	B. D. Bogia, 1893. ²
J. S. Litzenberg, 1885. ²	J. E. Vantine, 1894. ²
J. M. Dunn, 1886. ²	E. F. Wood, Dover, 1895. ²
J. E. Mowbrey, Dover, 1887. ²	William B. Norton, 1896. ²
R. G. Buckingham, Newark, 1888.	J. S. Bradley, 1897. ²
Peter B. Ayars, 1889	Robert Liddell, 1898. ²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

DELAWARE--Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS--continued

William H. Moystin, 1899. ²	John P. Riley, 1915.
William A. Reilly, 1900. ²	S. Sheward Johnson, 1916. ²
John W. Worall, 1901. ²	J. T. Alexander, 1917. ²
John C. Garner, 1902. ²	Orrin J. Cook, 1918. ²
William G. Baugh, sr., 1903. ²	R. Harry Williams, 1919. ²
William Kelley, jr., 1904. ²	C. A. W. Frishmuth, Wilmington, 1920.
William Tharp, 1905. ²	William A. Truitt, 1921. ²
Ira Lunt, 1906. ²	Charles Zerby, Wilmington, 1922.
Jesse Hellings, 1907. ²	Nathaniel L. Henderson, 1923. ²
H. W. Perkins, 1908. ²	Charles R. Lewis, 1924. ²
William H. Blake, 1909. ²	William H. Middleton, 1925. ²
George C. Morton, 1910. ²	Richard D. Buckingham, Newark, 1926.
William Mendenhall, Wilmington, 1911.	William Buckins, Wilmington, 1927. ^{1 3}
Jesse K. Baylis, 1912. ²	Charles S. Waters, Newark, 1928. ²
J. R. Armstrong, 1913. ²	James T. Twigg, Wilmington, 1929.
J. T. Rheims, 1914. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. T. Smith, Richardsons Park, 1920

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Pierre Gentien, Wilmington

FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1929, 219. Posts, 10]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	C. E. BEACH, ¹ St. Petersburg.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	J. H. SIMPSON, Zephyrhills.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	A. N. COOLEY, ¹ St. Cloud.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	I. A. SPENCER, St. Petersburg.

REPRESENTATIVES

M. M. Monohon (at large), Tampa.¹
Howard Williams, Toronto, Canada.¹
William Jubb, St. Petersburg.¹

ALTERNATES

Chester Bartholomew (at large), St. Petersburg.
C. C. Hulet, St. Petersburg.¹
M. M. Kenney, Tampa.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, Jacksonville, 1884-85. ²	Henry Marcotte, 1904. ²
G. H. Norton, 1886. ²	Thomas J. Owen, 1905. ²
E. W. Henck, Longwood, 1887.	William E. Emerson, 1906. ²
William James, 1888. ²	Samuel W. Fox, 1907. ²
J. W. V. R. Plummer, 1889. ²	S. R. Hudson, 1908. ²
Fred S. Goodrich, 1890.	James Skinner, 1909. ²
John H. Welsh, Miami, 1891. ⁵	James O. Thompson, 1910. ²
J. De V. Hazzard, 1892. ²	Joseph Bumby, 1911. ²
George F. Foote, 1893. ²	William P. Lynch, 1912.
David L. Way, 1894. ²	William S. Siggins, 1913. ²
P. E. McMurray, 1895. ²	Lyman Leighton, 1914. ²
L. V. Jenness, 1896. ²	James F. Bullard, 1915. ²
Charles M. Ellis, Jacksonville, 1897.	W. H. Melrath, 1916. ²
George Packwood, Tampa, 1898.	John A. Wallace, 1917. ²
Edwin Kirby, 1899. ²	H. B. Jeffries, Zephyrhills, 1918.
J. S. Fairhead, 1900. ²	Theodore W. B. Drake (died in office), 1919.
F. C. Parcell, 1901. ²	George E. Field, 1919. ²
S. Herbert Lancy, 1902. ²	Imri A. Spencer, St. Petersburg, 1920.
J. F. Chase, 1903. ²	

¹ Present.
² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.
⁵ Not now a member of the order.

FLORIDA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

G. W. Brown, St. Cloud, 1921.	J. H. De Graw, St. Cloud, 1926.
C. J. Rose, Miami, 1922. ¹	A. R. Sawyer, Lakeland, 1926. ²
Samuel Sage, 1923. ²	Wayne W. Blossom, Tampa, 1927.
James Campbell, St. Cloud, 1924. ¹	D. S. Hunter, Miami, 1928.
A. C. Shaffer (died in office), 1925.	A. W. Lathrop, St. Cloud, 1929.
J. A. Brown (died in office), 1925.	
C. E. Beach, St. Petersburg, 1908, transferred from Vermont. ¹	
A. P. Rounseville, 1895, transferred from North Dakota. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Christian Peter, 1922

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

M. M. Porter, Kissimmee, 1914.	C. B. Parker, Zephyrhills, 1928.
D. C. Thomas, 1923.	

GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA (41)

[Organized January 25, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1929, 11. Posts, 3]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	J. F. MCGREGOR, ¹ Fitzgerald.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	CHAS. R. HASKINS, Atlanta.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	JOHN BUCHER, Fitzgerald.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	J. W. HOWDER, ¹ Fitzgerald.

REPRESENTATIVE

Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald.^{1 3}

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John R. Lewis, 1889. ²	S. Clay Brown, 1910. ²
David Porter, 1890. ²	F. A. Jones, Tallapoosa, Ga., 1911. ²
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, N. Y., 1891 (see New York).	C. H. Brooks, 1912. ²
Thos. F. Gleason, 1892-93. ²	P. Q. Stoner, 1913 (see California and Nevada). ²
C. J. Watson, 1894. ²	I. C. Wade, 1914. ²
L. B. Nelson, 1895. ²	W. B. Todd, 1915. ²
John L. Clem, Washington, D. C., 1896 (see Potomac).	R. S. Smith, 1916. ²
James P. Averill, 1897. ²	G. E. Whitman, 1917. ²
James O. Ladd, Summerville, S. C., 1898.	W. P. Randall, 1918. ²
Alexander Mattison, 1899. ²	J. M. Mosher, 1919. ²
S. A. Darnell, 1900. ²	Ira M. Swartz, 1920. ²
Lewis Thayer, 1901. ²	C. J. Hitch, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1921. ²
W. M. Scott, 1902. ²	A. M. Crosby, 1922. ²
F. D. Lee, 1903. ²	Patrick Ryan, 1923. ²
James A. Commerford, 1904. ²	C. W. Morrell (died in office), 1924.
Charles F. Fairbanks, 1905. ²	Charles H. Cox, Atlanta, Ga., 1924.
Wm. H. Kimball, 1906. ²	Darius Nelson, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1925, 1928. ²
C. P. Webster, 1907. ²	B. F. Pim, 1926. ²
Leander Scott, 1908. ²	J. W. Howder, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1927. ¹
Chas. R. Haskins, Atlanta, Ga., 1909.	J. F. McGregor, Fitzgerald, Ga., 1929. ¹

IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1929, 106. Posts, 9]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	S. H. McCULLOUGH, ¹ American Falls.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	JEREMIAH WILLIAMS, Boise.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	T. W. JOHNSTON, Moscow.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES W. SHIELDS, ¹ Boise.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

IDAHO—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
H. F. Knight (at large), New Plymouth. James Wently, Boise. ¹	E. A. Paddock (at large). J. W. Price.
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS	
W. H. Nye, 1888. ² A. S. Senter, 1889. ² W. T. Riley, 1890. ² Judson Spofford, Boise, 1891. A. O. Ingalls, 1892. ² R. H. Barton, 1893. ² T. J. Groome, 1894. ² D. H. Budlong, 1895. ² J. L. Fuller, Shoshone, 1896. Lindol Smith, 1897. ² N. F. Kimball, 1898. ² S. L. Thompson, 1899. ² Charles A. Clark, 1900. ² William C. Maxey, 1901. ² George M. Parsons, 1902. ² E. S. Whittier, 1903. ² C. F. Drake, 1904. ² George A. Manning, 1905. ² Alfred Anderson, 1906. ² A. M. Rowe, 1907. ² William K. Jameson, 1908. ²	Stewart Young, 1909. ² Willard White, 1910. ² M. W. Wood, Boise, 1911. J. W. Shields, Twin Falls, 1912. ^{1 6} A. G. Nettleton, 1913. ² H. J. Newhouse, 1914. ² William H. Cable, 1915. ² R. H. Barnes, Twin Falls, 1916. George F. Kimery, Boise, 1917. ² F. T. Page, Weiser, 1918. Silas Wilson, 1919. ² John Carr, 1920. ² William S. Hawkes, 1921. ² William Bower, Boise, 1922. F. J. Titus, Nampa, 1923. C. L. Longley, Twin Falls, 1924. George Gardner, 1925. ² John S. Thorn, Boise, 1926. R. P. Drury, Moscow, 1927. ² W. J. Neely, 1928. Otto F. Steen, Boise, 1929. ³

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Adam Aulbach, Murray, 1912. G. E. Keyes, Sandpoint, 1915. Frank Gibbon, Pocatello, 1917. William Bower, Boise, 1921.	E. F. Conklin, Coeur d'Alene, 1926. W. H. Johns, Caldwell, 1927. Jeremiah Williams, Boise, 1929.
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. J. Leeson, Nampa, 1917-18. James M. Brice, Twin Falls, 1919.	J. W. Price, Parma, 1929.
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ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1929, 1,681. Posts, 185]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	A. C. BEST, ¹ Princeton.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	H. C. FIRST, ¹ Rock Island.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	ALEXANDER H. ROBERTS, ¹ Murphysboro.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, ¹ Chicago.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Charles W. Bean (at large), Chicago. ¹ Frank Munsell, Chicago. ¹ J. J. Sepple, Chicago. ¹ N. A. Wing, Chicago. ¹ C. L. Cureton, Chicago. ¹ George Mason, Chicago. ¹ Charles Oakley, Chicago. ¹ William O'Callaghan, Joliet. ¹ George A. Robinson, Belvidere. ¹ Andrew Bladel, Rock Island. ¹ J. M. Franklin, Quincy. ¹	Charles O. Brown (at large), Oak Park. ¹ A. E. Gage, Chicago. F. M. Watkins, Chicago. E. E. Taylor, Elgin. Joseph M. Norton, Rockford. Martin Beal, Rock Island. George Griffiths, Galesburg. Lucian Bass, Princeton. ¹ J. C. Coblentz, Bloomington. M. K. Birch, Sullivan.

¹ Present. ² Deceased. ⁶ Past junior vice commander in chief.

ILLINOIS—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

O. A. T. Stewart, Bloomington.¹
 Patrick H. Lynch, Jerseyville.
 Elijah Jones, Springfield.¹
 D. C. Zimmerman, Vandalia.¹
 A. E. Doy, Chicago.¹
 S. G. Hickok, Maywood.¹
 W. M. Ambrose, Chicago.

ALTERNATES—continued

W. H. Houghtlin, Jerseyville.
 A. H. Armstrong, Springfield.
 J. T. Cunningham, Centralia.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, 1866.²
 John M. Palmer, 1866–1868.²
 Charles E. Lippincott, 1871.²
 Guy T. Gould, 1873.²
 H. Hillard, 1874–1876.²
 Joseph S. Reynolds, 1877.²
 T. B. Coulter, 1878.²
 Edgar D. Swain, 1879–80.²
 J. W. Burst, 1881.²
 Thomas G. Lawler, 1882.²
 Samuel A. Harper, 1883.²
 L. T. Dickason, 1884.²
 W. W. Berry, 1885.²
 Philip Sidney Post, 1886.²
 A. C. Sweetser, 1887.²
 James A. Sexton, 1888.²
 James S. Martin, 1889.²
 William L. Distin, 1890.²
 Horace S. Clark, 1891.²
 Edwin Harlan, 1892.²
 Edwin A. Blodgett, 1893.²
 H. H. McDowell, 1894.²
 William H. Powell, 1895.²
 W. G. Cochran, Sullivan, 1896.
 A. L. Schimpff, 1897.²
 John C. Black, 1898.²
 John B. Inman, Springfield, 1899.²
 J. M. Longnecker, 1900.²
 N. B. Thistlewood, 1901.²

H. M. Trimble, 1902.²
 Benson Wood, 1903.²
 Robert Mann Woods, 1904.²
 John C. Smith, 1905.²
 Edwin H. Buck, 1906.²
 A. C. Mathews, 1907.²
 Joseph Rosenbaum, 1908.²
 Philip C. Hayes, 1909.²
 James A. Connolly, 1910.²
 C. C. Duffy, 1911.²
 Thomas H. Gault, 1912.²
 J. H. Crowder, Bethany, 1913.
 Samuel Fallows, 1914.²
 John M. Snyder, Canton, 1915.
 W. F. Calhoun, Decatur, 1916.²
 C. S. Bentley, 1917.²
 Joseph W. Fifer, Bloomington, 1918.
 Henry D. Fulton, Chicago, 1919.²
 Edwin N. Armstrong, 1920.²
 William P. Wright, Chicago, 1921.^{1 3}
 E. P. Bartlett (died in office), 1922.³
 J. M. Oulson, Godfrey, 1922.
 William J. Libberton, 1923.²
 Philip Smith, Peoria, 1924.²
 O. R. McKenney, Chicago, 1925.²
 John E. Andrew, Quincy, 1926.¹
 D. H. Harper, Chicago, 1927.
 Charles T. Marsh, 1928.
 H. B. Davidson, Springfield, 1929.¹

Milton J. Stewart, 1885, transferred from Kansas.²
 Charles M. Travis, 1889, transferred from Indiana.²

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. M. Campbell, Peoria, 1882.
 Ivory H. Pike, Oak Park, 1891.
 E. A. Thomas, East St. Louis, 1903.
 O. R. McKenney, 1913.²
 Samuel L. Campbell, Mattoon, 1914.

J. D. Oulson, 1923.
 J. H. Freeman, Aurora, 1925.
 B. D. Black, Decatur, 1927.
 A. T. Ives, Bloomington, 1928.¹
 Lewis F. Lake, Rockford, 1929.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William A. Lord, 1874.
 W. H. Cain, 1875.
 John N. Stewart, Chicago, 1904.¹
 J. M. Myers, Forreston, 1916.

H. K. Walcott, Batavia, 1918.
 Willis Hickman, Chicago, 1928.
 James H. Campbell, Chicago, 1929.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1929, 940. Posts, 116]

Department commander----- JAMES KILMARTIN,¹ Princeton.
Senior vice department commander----- A. F. BAKER, Wabash.
Junior vice department commander----- IRBY S. WAGNER,¹ Indianapolis.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,¹ Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES

John G. McKay (at large), Indianapolis.¹
 L. W. Shields, Bloomington.¹
 Fred Plump, Seymour.¹
 C. W. Lindly, Rockville.¹
 James Stephenson, Indianapolis.¹
 Theo. R. Caldwell, Lebanon.¹
 C. B. Stewart, Rensselaer.¹
 William Overly, Marion.
 John T. Young, Fort Wayne.¹
 W. H. Conner, South Bend.¹

ALTERNATES

W. S. Mead (at large), Spencer.¹
 I. N. May, Bloomington.
 Fred Evans, North Vernon.
 Cyrus Stephenson, Terre Haute.¹
 O. N. Wilmington, Indianapolis.
 A. L. Akers, Delphi.
 George S. Haste, Valparaiso.¹
 Wm. H. Strayer, North Manchester.
 J. L. Dunning, Ligonier.
 George Powell, Plymouth.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, 1866-68.²
 Nathan Kimball, 1867.²
 Oliver M. Wilson, 1869.²
 Louis Humphrey, 1870-71.²
 Jonathan B. Hagar, 1879.²
 Samuel E. Armstrong, 1880.²
 William W. Dudley, 1881.²
 James R. Carnahan, 1882-83.²
 Edwin Nicar, 1884.²
 David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, 1885.^{1 3}
 Thomas W. Bennett, 1886.²
 Ira J. Chase, 1887.²
 Argus D. Vanosdol, 1888.²
 Chas. M. Travis (see Illinois), 1889.²
 Gil R. Stormont, Princeton, 1890.²
 Ivan N. Walker, 1891.²
 Joseph B. Cheadle, 1892.²
 James T. Johnston, 1893.²
 Albert O. Marsh, 1894.²
 Harvey B. Shively, 1895.²
 Henry M. Caylor, 1896.²
 James S. Dodge, 1897.²
 Daniel Ryan, 1898.²
 William L. Dunlap, 1899.²
 David E. Breem, 1900.²
 Milton Garrigus, 1901.²
 Benjamin Starr, 1902.²
 George W. Grubbs, 1903.²

Daniel R. Lucas, 1904.²
 Marine D. Tackett, 1905.²
 Edmund R. Brown, Winamac, 1906.²
 William A. Ketcham, 1907.²
 John D. Alexander, Springville, 1908.
 Orlando A. Somers, 1909.²
 Alexander P. Asbury, 1910.²
 Daniel Waugh, 1911.²
 Frank Swigart (died in office), 1912.²
 Wilber E. Gorsuch, 1912.²
 Daniel W. Comstock, 1913.²
 A. B. Crampton, Delphi, 1914.
 Lewis King, Columbus, 1915.²
 V. V. Williams, 1916.²
 Samuel M. Hench, Fort Wayne, 1917.
 Alonzo Murphy, Greensburg, 1918.
 William F. Medsker, 1919.²
 Robert W. McBride, 1920.²
 Richard H. Tyner, Newcastle, 1921.
 William A. Kelsey, Fort Wayne, 1922.
 Albert J. Ball, Indianapolis, 1923.
 F. M. VanPelt, Anderson, 1924.²
 David Strouse, Danville, 1925.²
 James W. Spain, Evansville, 1926.²
 John H. Hoffman, Ligonier, 1927.¹
 W. F. Molyneaux, 1928.
 Charles E. Hale, Logansport, 1929.¹
 Isaac B. Austin (died in office), 1930.²

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Virgil E. Chance, Connersville, 1922.¹
 William Kemp, Frankfort, 1924.¹

Phil R. Brown, Franklin, 1928.¹
 F. M. McNair, Martinsville, 1929.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John D. Alexander, Springville, 1907.
 William A. Kelsey, Fort Wayne, 1917.
 James S. Wright, Rockport, 1920.

Wm. Matthews, Centerville, 1925.¹
 Jacob E. Meyers, Culver, 1927.
 Q. A. Hunt, Terre Haute, 1929.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

IOWA (19)

[Organized September, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1929, 1,158. Posts, 114]

Department commander----- WATSON RISDEN,¹ Cedar Rapids.
Senior vice department commander----- J. L. LEMBERGER,¹ Ottumwa.
Junior vice department commander----- F. L. QUADE,¹ Dubuque.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN P. RISLEY,¹ Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES

John T. Lucas (at large), Marshalltown.¹
 John Byers, Fairfield.
 T. H. Dunmore, Clinton.¹
 E. L. Sweet, Manchester.
 J. E. Fitch, West Union.
 George E. Bealy, Tipton.
 B. O. Witter, Perry.¹
 Albert Miller, Perry.
 George W. Hinkle, Harvard.¹
 Clark Wilson, Audubon.
 Wesley Martin, Webster City.
 George Haight, Cherokee.

ALTERNATES

W. M. Moore (at large), Mount Vernon.¹
 John F. Loehr, Fairfield.
 H. P. Brown, Davenport.
 Richard Rosemeir, Dubuque.¹
 A. J. Ash, Charles City.¹
 George Bushnell, Cedar Rapids.¹
 Reuben Ware, Ottumwa.
 J. C. Hanes, Perry.¹
 B. F. Stow, Perry.¹
 Ezra Miller, Corydon.¹
 Jacob Wolfe, Red Oak.¹
 Scott Barber, Scranton.
 W. R. Hathaway, Sioux City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, 1874-75.²
 A. A. Perkins, 1876-1878.²
 H. E. Griswold, 1879.²
 W. F. Conrad, 1880.²
 Peter V. Carey, 1881.²
 George B. Hogin, 1882.²
 John B. Cook, 1883.²
 E. G. Miller, 1884.²
 W. R. Manning, 1885.²
 W. A. McHenry, 1886.²
 J. M. Tuttle, 1887.²
 E. A. Consigny, 1888.²
 Charles H. Smith, 1889.²
 Mason P. Mills, 1890.²
 Charles L. Davidson, 1891.²
 J. J. Steadman, Hollywood, Calif., 1892.
 Phil Schaller, 1893.²
 George A. Newman, 1894.²
 J. K. P. Thompson, 1895.²
 Josiah Given, 1896.²
 A. H. Evans, 1897.²
 R. W. Tirrell, 1898.²
 C. F. Bailey, 1899.²
 M. B. Davis, 1900.²
 George Metzger, 1901.²
 John Lindt, 1902.²
 L. B. Raymond, 1903.²
 R. T. St. John, Riceville, 1904.
 S. H. Harper, 1905.²

C. A. Clark, 1906.²
 D. J. Palmer, Washington, 1907.²
 J. C. Milliman, Santa Monica, Calif., 1908.
 M. McDonald, 1909.²
 H. A. Dyer, 1910.²
 Lot Abraham, 1911.²
 J. D. Brown, 1912.²
 J. W. Willett, Tama, 1913.^{1 7}
 Byron C. Ward, 1914.²
 John F. Merry, 1915.²
 John H. Mills, Redfield, 1916.¹
 J. L. Farrington, 1917.²
 E. J. C. Bealer, Cedar Rapids, 1918.²
 A. G. Beatty, Independence, 1919.²
 R. L. Chase, 1920.²
 J. B. Harsh, 1921.²
 L. J. Kron, 1922.²
 W. W. Gist (died in office), 1923.²
 W. S. Freeman, Le Mars, 1923.²
 W. H. Needham (died in office), 1924.
 D. B. Cowles (died in office), 1924.
 Orlando S. Hartman, 1925.²
 Frank Dagle, Des Moines, 1925.²
 E. J. Stonebraker, Hampton, 1926.
 Oiey Nelson, Slater, 1927.^{1 3}
 J. W. Stratton, 1928.
 John K. Ewing, Shannon City, 1929.²
 Joseph Pratt, Fort Dodge, 1930.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. F. McNeill, Oskaloosa, 1905.
 J. T. Smith, Burlington, 1914.
 M. T. Scanlan, Des Moines, 1918.

C. T. Miller, Keokuk, 1926.
 E. P. Taylor, Fairfield, 1927.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

G. H. Clement, Marshalltown, 1926.
 John F. Baker, Newton, 1927.¹

J. B. Carman, 1928.²
 L. A. Devendorf, Eldora, 1929.²

¹ Present. ² Deceased. ³ National council of administration. ⁴ Past commander in chief.

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1929, 1,171. Posts, 160]

Department commander----- C. H. KING,¹ Kansas City.
Senior vice department commander----- J. W. DILL,¹ Chanute.
Junior vice department commander----- E. W. Phillips,¹ Wichita.
Assistant adjutant general----- J. W. PRIDDY,¹ Topeka.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. G. Hanna (at large), Hiawatha.
 George Neil, Topeka.
 E. S. Kirkpatrick, Wellsville.¹
 J. H. Osborne, Humboldt.
 C. A. Griffith, Chanute.¹
 Charles Murray, Parsons.¹
 T. D. Dewey, Emporia.
 Charles Wingrove, Clay Center.
 Henry Keller, Wilson.
 A. O. Geve, Stafford.¹
 D. J. Cole, Fort Dodge.
 Gear Nagle, Wichita.
 T. J. Eagle, Wichita.

ALTERNATES

J. G. Byington (at large), Leavenworth.¹
 Scott Kelsey, Topeka.¹
 J. W. Cashner, Kansas City.¹
 R. A. Thompson, Ottawa.
 Elma Gates, Chanute.
 Jasper Roseberry, Parsons.
 Nathan Hudson, Peabody.¹
 W. C. Tuthill, Salina.¹
 R. R. Manchester, Bellaire.
 Abraham Young, Lyons.¹
 H. W. Wardell, Hutchinson.¹
 J. F. Richardson, Wichita.¹
 J. E. Pickard, Winfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, 1866-67.²
 John C. Carpenter, 1868.²
 W. S. Jenkins, 1872 (see Missouri).²
 Stephen A. Cobb, 1872-1875.²
 John Guthrie, 1876.²
 J. H. Gilpatrick, 1877-1878.²
 J. C. Walkinshaw, 1879-1882.²
 Thomas J. Anderson, 1883.²
 Homer W. Pond, 1884.²
 Milton J. Stewart, 1885 (see Illinois).²
 C. J. McDivett, 1886.²
 T. H. Soward, 1887 (see Oklahoma).²
 J. W. Feighan, 1888.²
 Henry Booth, 1889.²
 Ira A. Collins, 1890.²
 Timothy McCarthy, 1891.²
 A. R. Green, 1892.²
 Bernard Kelly, 1893.²
 W. P. Campbell, Wichita, 1894.¹
 John P. Harris, 1895.²
 W. C. Whitney, 1896.²
 Theo Botkin, 1897.²
 D. W. Eastman, 1898 (see Oklahoma).²
 O. H. Coulter, 1899 (see California and Nevada).²
 W. W. Martin, 1900.²
 J. B. Remington, 1901.²
 H. C. Loomis, 1902.²

Abraham W. Smith, 1903.²
 Charles Harris, 1904.²
 P. H. Coney, Topeka, 1905-06.¹
 R. A. Campbell, 1907.²
 W. A. Morgan, 1908.²
 Joe H. Rickel, 1909.²
 Nathan E. Harmon, 1910.²
 T. P. Anderson, 1911.²
 J. N. Harrison, 1912-13.²
 Ira D. Brougher, 1914.²
 C. A. Meek, 1915.²
 R. M. Painter, 1916.²
 A. C. Pierce, 1917.²
 W. W. Smith, 1918.²
 Theodore Gardner, Lawrence, 1919.²
 Joseph A. Walter, 1920.²
 George P. Washburn, 1921 (died in office).
 E. W. Bowman, Wichita, 1921.
 William W. Dennison, Topeka, 1922.
 William H. Mitchell, 1923.²
 A. Graff, Wellington, 1924.
 Fred Jackson, McPherson, 1925.²
 Samuel Baughman, Chanute, 1926.¹
 R. H. McWhorter, Coffeyville, 1927.¹
 H. I. Merrill, Wichita, 1928.¹
 J. W. Priddy, Topeka, 1929.¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. B. Rhodes, Manhattan, 1921.
 D. B. Clum, Parsons, 1922.¹
 R. G. Blackwood, Cherryvale, 1924.

J. E. Holmes, Hutchinson, 1926.
 O. T. Romig, Coffeyville, 1928.
 J. H. Harvey, Emporia, 1929.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. H. Carr, Wichita, 1906.
 S. J. Churchill, Lawrence, 1908.
 J. H. McKinley, Erie, 1919.
 C. H. Hoyt, Lawrence, 1920.

John T. Weaver, Fort Dodge, 1922.
 George Plumb, Emporia, 1924.
 H. F. Shafer, Hiawatha, 1928.¹
 F. J. Straub, Cherryvale, 1929.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.

KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1929, 105. Posts, 21.]

Department commander----- ROBERT T. SMITH,¹ Horse Cave.
Senior vice department commander----- ISAAC PALMER,¹ Louisville.
Junior vice department commander----- JAMES A. FISHER,¹ Covington.
Assistant adjutant general----- M. H. DAVIDSON,¹ Louisville.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. L. Dudley (at large), Flemingsburg.¹
 J. M. Dinzer, Covington.¹

ALTERNATE

Charles Snellen (at large), Louisville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, 1883. ²	George Grimstead, 1906. ²
W. H. Harton, 1884. ²	LeVant Dodge, 1907-08. ²
George W. Northrup, 1885. ²	R. B. Hewetson, 1909. ²
Thomas Z. Morrow, 1886. ²	Sanford D. Van Pelt, 1910. ²
William Bowman, 1887. ²	Charles C. Degman, 1911. ²
Orrin A. Reynolds, 1888. ²	John Barr, Lebanon, 1912. ²
Vincent Boreing, 1889. ²	W. J. L. Hughes, 1913. ²
Michael Minton, 1890. ²	Edward Farley, Paducah, 1914. ²
Samuel G. Hills, 1891. ²	John T. Gunn, 1915. ²
Edward H. Hobson, 1892. ²	Sam D. Brown, 1916. ²
T. Edward Livezey, 1893. ²	J. R. Howard, 1917. ²
Daniel O'Riley, 1894. ²	T. A. Casey, Dayton, 1918. ¹
Robert M. Kelly, 1895. ²	Andrew Offut, 1919. ²
Americus Whedon, 1896. ²	M. H. Davidson, Louisville, 1920. ^{1,2}
Andrew J. Tharp, 1897. ²	Jacob Seibert, 1921. ²
J. W. Hammond, 1898. ²	John T. English, Prospect, 1922. ¹
Joseph H. Browning, 1899. ²	E. F. Tucker, 1923. ²
L. M. Drye, 1900. ²	C. C. Furr, 1924. ²
John Blaes, 1901. ²	J. D. Compton, Covington, 1925. ¹
T. F. Beyland, 1902. ²	Albert Scott, 1926 (died in office).
W. G. Foree, 1903. ²	Cyrus Edwards, Horse Cave, 1926-1928. ¹
William T. Bausmith, 1904. ²	John T. Thompson, Paint Lick, 1929. ¹
Bernard Matthews, 1905. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Charles Ashby, Madisonville, 1927. | Isaac Palmer, Louisville, 1928-29.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Richard Lilly, Anchorage, 1927, 1928, 1929

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35)

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf May 15, 1884; changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1929, 45. Posts, 6]

Department commander----- WILLIAM ROCHESTER, Natchez, Miss.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN WRIGHT, Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander----- SAM L. SMITH, Algiers, La.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN PIERCE, New Orleans, La.

REPRESENTATIVES

Bass C. Jones (at large), Natchez.
 Sandy Simmons, Vicksburg.

ALTERNATE

John Ayers, Sumitt.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Roy, 1884.²
 J. W. Scully, 1885 (see Georgia and
 South Carolina).²
 A. S. Badger, 1886–1892.²
 Charles H. Shute, 1893.²
 Charles W. Keeting, 1894–1899.²
 F. C. Antoine, 1900.²
 Paul Bruce, 1901.²
 Charles W. Keeting, 1902–1904.²
 J. S. Davidson, Bayou Goula, La., 1905.
 P. H. Boyle, 1906–7.²
 James Lewis, 1908.²

J. A. Brookshire, Beaumont, Tex., 1909.
 E. K. Russ, New Orleans, La., 1910–
 1915.²
 E. T. Gipson, 1916–1918.²
 H. N. Singleton, 1919.²
 John Pierce, New Orleans, 1920.
 Lewis Herman, 1921.
 E. J. Sherman, 1922.
 Elihu A. Robinson, Amelia, La., 1923–
 1927.²
 William Rochester, Natchez, 1928–29.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jules Narcess

MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1929, 346. Posts, 46]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	F. S. PHILBRICK, ¹ Rockland.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	SIMON C. HASTINGS, ¹ Portland.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	JOHN W. FOLGER, ¹ Skowhegan.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. NASON, ¹ Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas N. Ayer (at large), Alna.¹
 John Martin.¹
 Frederick Ficke.¹
 Oliver N. Leavitt, Auburn.

ALTERNATES

J. F. Woodsum (at large), Rockland.
 Allen Kelley, Rockland.
 F. C. Tibbetts.¹
 Hollis Simpson, Waterville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, 1868–69.²
 Charles P. Mattocks, 1870–71.²
 Daniel White, 1872–73.²
 Seldon Connor, 1874–75.²
 Nelson Howard, 1876.²
 John D. Myrick, 1877.²
 Augustus C. Hamlin, 1878.²
 Windsor B. Smith, 1879.²
 Isaac S. Bangs, 1880.²
 William G. Haskell, 1881.²
 Augustus B. Farnham, 1882.²
 Elisha M. Shaw, 1883.²
 Benjamin Williams, 1884.²
 James A. Hall, 1885.²
 Samuel W. Lane, 1886.²
 Richard K. Gatley, 1887.²
 Horace H. Burbank, 1888.²
 Franklin M. Drew, 1889.²
 John D. Anderson, 1890.²
 Samuel L. Miller, 1891.²
 Isaac Dyer, 1892.²
 Wainwright Cushing, 1893.²
 J. Wesley Gilman, 1894.²
 William H. Green, 1895.²
 Lorenzo J. Carver, 1896.²
 Leroy T. Carleton, Winthrop, 1897.
 Charles A. Southard, 1898.²
 Frederick Robie, 1899.²
 Seth T. Snipe, 1900.²

William Z. Clayton, Bangor, 1901.²
 James L. Merrick, 1902.²
 Joshua L. Camberlain, 1903.²
 Edwin C. Milliken, 1904.²
 Henry O. Perry, 1905.²
 Frederick S. Walls, 1906.²
 Frank F. Goss, 1907.²
 Woodbury K. Dana, 1908.²
 Augustus W. McCausland, 1909.²
 John W. Webster, 1910.²
 Edwin Riley, Livermore Falls, 1911.¹
 William H. Holston, 1912.²
 John F. Lamb, 1913.²
 Thomas S. Benson, Sidney, 1914.
 Simon S. Andrews, 1915.²
 Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeburg, 1916.
 John Quincy Adams, Houlton, 1917.
 Fred A. Motley, 1918.²
 George W. Goulding, Oakland, 1919.
 Henry E. Merriam, Gardiner, 1920.
 Edward A. Butler, 1921.²
 George A. Gay, 1922.²
 Ezekiel H. Hanson, 1923.²
 Charles E. Nason, Gray, 1924.^{1 s}
 Albert R. Hill, East Brownfield, 1925.
 Nathaniel W. White, Augusta, 1926.^{1 3}
 Nahum H. Pillsbury, Portland, 1927.²
 Nelson R. Brown, 1928.¹
 Samuel F. Emerson, Skowhegan, 1929.¹

¹ Present.
² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.
^s Senior vice commander in chief.

MAINE—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Jonathan W. Crocker, Rockland, 1878.	A. M. Warren, Dover, 1905.
Charles E. Moulton, Portland, 1886.	C. T. Wardwell, Oxford, 1917.
M. C. Wadsworth, Gardiner, 1890.	C. H. George, South Paris, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

I. W. Emerson, Lewiston, 1898.	H. F. Mitchell, Bangor, 1922.
A. H. Pratt, North Turner, 1900.	A. F. Prince, Portland, 1929.
W. A. Miller, Auburn, 1919.	

MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, December 31, 1929, 151. Posts, 12]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, ¹ Baltimore.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	WM. GALLON, ¹ Baltimore.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	ADAM CAMP, ¹ Cumberland.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN T. HOLMES, ¹ Baltimore.

REPRESENTATIVES

John Lambden (at large), Baltimore. ¹	Louis Treff, Baltimore. ²
John N. Young, Baltimore. ¹	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andrew W. Dennison, 1867-1869. ²	David L. Stanton, 1898. ²
E. W. Boldsborough, 1870. ²	Lewis M. Zimmerman, 1899. ²
E. T. Daneker, 1871. ²	John R. King, Baltimore, 1900. ¹
Adams E. King, 1872. ²	John G. Taylor, 1901. ²
E. B. Tyler, 1876-1878. ²	John W. Worth, 1902. ²
W. E. Griffith, 1879. ²	William Stahl, 1903. ²
W. E. W. Ross, 1880-81. ²	James Campbell, Barton, 1904.
Graham Dukehart, 1882. ²	Richard N. Bowerman, 1905. ²
John Suter, 1883. ²	George Prechtel, Baltimore, 1906. ¹ ³
Frank M. Smith, 1884. ²	Fred C. Tarr, 1907. ²
John W. Horn, 1885. ²	Robert C. Sunstrom, 1908. ²
George W. F. Vernon, 1886. ²	Benjamin F. Taylor, 1909. ²
Henry P. Underhill, 1887. ²	William J. Vannort, Chestertown, 1910. ²
Theodore F. Lang, 1888. ²	John T. Holmes, Baltimore, 1911.
George F. Wheeler, 1889. ²	George Prechtel, Baltimore, 1912. ¹ ³
George R. Graham, 1890. ²	Charles N. Emich, Baltimore, 1913.
Joseph C. Hill, 1891. ²	Albert K. Young, Baltimore, 1914.
Wallace A. Bartlett, 1892. ²	Joseph Brooks, Baltimore, 1915.
Frank Nolen, 1893. ²	James E. Van Sant, 1916. ²
Myron I. Rose, 1894. ²	E. Walter Giles, Baltimore, 1917-18. ²
Oliver A. Horner, 1895. ²	George T. Leech, Baltimore, 1919-1929.
A. S. Cooper, 1896. ²	
George W. Johnson, 1897. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George H. Rush, Baltimore, 1918.	Louis Fox, Baltimore, 1927.
John A. Houck, Baltimore, 1926.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Charles Johnson, Baltimore, 1928.	Adam Camp, Baltimore, 1929.
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¹ Present. ² Deceased. ³ National council of administration. ⁴ Past commander in chief.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1929, 1,205. Posts, 127]

Department commander----- ALVIN C. HOWES,¹ Middleborough.
Senior vice department commander----- WALDO TURNER,¹ Weymouth.
Junior vice department commander----- EDWIN H. LINCOLN,¹ Pittsfield.
Assistant adjutant general----- WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,¹ Boston

REPRESENTATIVES

Henri Batchelder (at large), Everett.¹
 Edward Hague, Fall River.¹
 Joshua S. Gray, Rockland.
 John E. Bronson, East Dedham.¹
 David King, Everett.¹
 George L. Hall, Dorchester.
 Charles Peel, Salisbury.¹
 Isaac D. Baker, Salem.
 Charles L. Robinson, Melrose.¹
 Francis J. O'Reilly, Cambridge.¹
 A. A. Buxton, Fitchburg.¹
 George W. Corey, Southbridge.¹
 John R. Sears, Greenfield.

ALTERNATES

Charles O. Newell (at large), Roxbury.
 John V. Spare, New Bedford.
 Jason B. Hersey, Rockland.¹
 Prince Phinney, Brookline.
 Joseph A. Sawyer, Brookline.
 James F. Flynn, Roxbury.
 Henry B. Wallis, Beverly.
 Charles W. Smith, Newburyport.
 Henry Whittemore, Waltham.
 Wm. C. M. Howe, Reading.¹
 Augustus Wright, Paxton.
 E. L. Jaynes, Worcester.
 Farnum E. Sawin, Pittsfield.
 George A. Gay, East Pepperell.¹
 Andrew McGinness, Cambridge.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman, 1866-67.²
 A. B. R. Sprague, 1868.²
 Francis A. Osborn, 1869.²
 James L. Bates, 1870.²
 William Cogswell, 1871.²
 Henry R. Sibley, 1872.²
 Adin B. Underwood, 1873.²
 John W. Kimball, 1874.²
 George S. Merrill, 1875.²
 Horace B. Sargent, 1876-78.²
 John G. B. Adams, 1879.²
 John A. Hawes, 1880.²
 George W. Creasey, 1881.²
 George H. Patch, 1882.²
 George S. Evans, 1883.²
 John D. Billings, Belmont, 1884.
 John W. Hersey, 1885.²
 Richard F. Tobin, 1886.²
 Charles D. Nash, 1887.²
 Myron P. Walker, 1888.²
 George L. Goodale, 1889.²
 George H. Innis, 1890.²
 Arthur A. Smith, 1891.²
 James K. Churchill, 1892.²
 Eli W. Hall, 1893.²
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, 1894.^{1 4}
 Joseph W. Thayer, 1895.²
 William P. Derby, 1896.²
 John M. Deane, 1897.²
 William H. Bartlett, 1898.²
 John E. Gilman, 1899.²
 Peter D. Smith, 1900.²

Silas A. Barton, 1901.²
 W. A. Blackmar, 1902.²
 Dwight O. Judd, 1903.²
 Lucius Field, 1904.²
 James H. Wolff, 1905.²
 J. Payson Bradley, 1906.²
 Daniel H. L. Gleason, 1907.²
 Alfred S. Roe, 1908.²
 John L. Parker, 1909.²
 J. Willard Brown, 1910.²
 Granville C. Fiske, 1910-11.²
 George A. Hosley, West Somerville,
 1912.²
 Thomas J. Ames, 1913.²
 John M. Woods, 1914.²
 Alfred H. Knowles, Arlington, 1915.
 Francis E. Mole, 1916.²
 Daniel E. Denny, 1917.²
 Edwin P. Stanley, 1918.²
 George W. Wilder, Boston, 1919.
 Horace Goodwin, Westfield, 1920.
 Edwin F. Morrill, Wollaston, 1921.¹
 Henry Clark, North Cambridge, 1922.^{1 2}
 George W. Pratt, 1923.²
 Benjamin A. Ham, Dorchester, 1924.
 William L. Gage, 1925 (died in office).
 Henry H. Comey, Danvers, 1925.
 William F. Brown, 1926 (died in office).
 Henry A. Monk, South Braintree, 1927.
 Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, 1928.¹
 James H. Webb, Boston, 1929.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George M. Fiske, Auburndale, 1898

¹ Present.
² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.
⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1929, 844. Posts, 98]

Department commander----- A. C. ESTABROOK,¹ Allegan
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN KILLEEN,¹ Jackson.
Junior vice department commander----- A. F. CHAPPELL,¹ Detroit.
Assistant adjutant general----- ALBERT DUNHAM,^{1 3} Jackson.

REPRESENTATIVES

George W. Howe (at large), Port Huron.¹
 J. J. Reiser, Grand Rapids.¹
 Pete Miller, Detroit.¹
 David Plumadore, Detroit.¹
 Fred Gill, Saginaw.¹
 John Finch, Greenville.¹
 Martin Kelsey, Lakeview.¹
 Jesse Holcomb, Stanton.¹

ALTERNATES

Isaac Grant (at large), Reed City.
 A. H. Lightcap, Jackson.
 Edwin S. Petit, Port Huron.
 Smith Carlton, Kalamazoo.
 Thomas F. Courtney, Detroit.
 Eugene Owen, Soldiers' Home.
 James Hamilton, Lansing.
 James Martin, South Haven.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger (provisional), 1867.²
 William A. Throop, 1868.²
 William Humphrey, 1869-70.²
 C. V. R. Pond, 1878-79.²
 A. T. McReynolds, 1880.²
 Byron R. Pierce, 1881-82.²
 Oscar A. Janes, Detroit, 1883.
 Rush J. Shank, 1884.²
 Charles D. Long, 1885.²
 John Northwood, 1886.²
 L. G. Rutherford, 1887.²
 Washington Gardner, 1888.²
 Michael Brown, 1889 (see Montana).²
 Henry M. Duffield, 1890.²
 Charles L. Eaton, 1891.²
 Henry S. Dean, 1892.²
 James H. Kidd, 1893.²
 Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, 1894.
 S. B. Daboll, 1895.²
 William Shakespeare, 1896.²
 Aaron T. Bliss, 1897.²
 Alex Patrick, 1898.²
 Russell R. Pealer, 1899.²
 Ethel M. Allen, 1900.²
 James Van Kleeck, 1901.²
 Edward C. Anthony, 1902.²
 D. B. K. Van Raalte, 1903.²

George H. Hopkins, 1904.²
 E. C. Cannon, 1905.²
 Joseph P. Griswold, 1906.²
 William Jibb, 1907.²
 Charles E. Foote, 1908 (died in office).
 George L. Holmes, 1908.²
 James M. Greenfield, 1909.²
 Samuel J. Lawrence, 1910.²
 George W. Stone, 1911.²
 John T. Spillane, Detroit, 1912.
 Frank R. Chase, Smyrna, 1913.²
 Riley L. Jones, 1914.²
 Henry C. Rankin, 1915 (died in office).
 Eli Strong, 1915.²
 L. H. Ives, 1916.²
 William O. Lee, 1917.²
 David S. Howard, 1918.²
 Edwin F. Lamb, 1919.²
 Henry Spaulding, Lansing, 1920.
 J. J. Holmes, 1921.²
 William Mears, 1922.²
 Lyman A. Gilbert, Detroit, 1923.
 Marvin C. Barney, 1924.²
 John Seel, 1925.²
 James R. Stephenson, 1926.²
 Charles A. Bartlett, Detroit, 1927.²
 A. C. Estabrook, Allegan, 1928-29.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas Davey, Detroit, 1915.
 H. W. Stevens, Tecumseh, 1917.²
 M. D. Richardson, Lansing, 1920.¹
 Samuel D. Bailey, Detroit, 1922.¹

Edwin R. Havens, Lansing, 1924.¹
 George W. Howe, Port Huron, 1925.
 J. P. Riley, Kalamazoo, 1928.¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Albert Dunham, Jackson, 1910.
 Allison L. Bryant, Mayville, 1916.¹

James Churchill, Pontiac, 1929.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August-14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1929, 474. Posts, 80]

Department commander----- U. H. PALMER,¹ St. James.
Senior vice department commander----- J. W. PEASLEE, Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander----- NELSON HUGHES,¹ Stillwater.
Assistant adjutant general----- R. A. BECKER,¹ St. Paul.

REPRESENTATIVES

W. L. Hillard (at large), Bemidge.¹
 H. R. Thompson, Minneapolis.
 C. O. Johnson, Wilmar.
 W. C. Fisher, North St. Paul.¹
 J. H. Neal, Duluth.
 T. C. Wakefield, Hutchinson.

ALTERNATES

L. E. Gates (at large), Anoka.
 B. F. Chase, Sauk Center.
 James Clark, St. Peter.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, 1868. ²	C. F. MacDonald, 1905. ²
Henry A. Castle, 1872-74. ²	Levi Longfellow, 1906. ²
George H. Johnson, 1876. ²	George A. Whitney, 1907. ²
Adam Marty, 1881-82. ²	Marcus W. Bates, 1908. ²
John P. Rea, 1883. ²	Loren W. Collins, 1909. ²
E. B. Rabb, 1884. ²	Philip G. Woodward, 1910. ²
R. A. Becker, St. Paul, 1885. ¹	J. A. Everett, 1911. ²
William Thomas, 1886. ²	William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, 1912.
L. L. Wheelock, 1887. ²	Charles H. Taylor, Long Prairie, 1913. ²
James H. Ege, 1888. ²	Charles H. Hopkins, 1914. ²
Alphonse Barto, 1889. ²	Watson W. Hall, 1915. ²
James Compton, 1890. ²	Charles Van Campen, 1916. ²
Charles D. Parker, 1891. ²	Silas S. Towler, Minneapolis, 1917. ²
L. M. Lange, 1892. ²	Edwin F. Kenrick, 1918. ²
John Day Smith, Minneapolis, 1893.	J. D. Budd, Duluth, 1919.
Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, 1894.	J. A. Town, 1920. ²
Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, 1895.	S. W. Powell, 1921. ²
J. J. McCardy, 1896. ²	E. Z. Rasey, 1922. ²
E. B. Wood, 1897. ²	W. H. Harrison, Duluth, 1923.
E. W. Mortimer, 1898. ²	S. E. Mahan, St. Paul, 1924. ¹
D. B. Searle, 1899. ²	W. T. Scram, Owatonna, 1925. ²
Gideon S. Ives, 1900. ²	P. G. Gorman, St. Cloud, 1926. ²
William H. Harries, 1901. ²	Jacob Zuber, St. Paul, 1927.
Perry Starkweather, 1902. ²	T. P. Garrett, 1928.
Isaac L. Mahan, 1903. ²	T. H. Peacock, Minneapolis, 1929. ¹
Harrison White, Seattle, Wash., 1904.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Albert Fox, Brainerd, 1928

MISSOURI (25)

[Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership December 31, 1929, 477. Posts, 42]

Department commander----- C. P. WOODRUFF,¹ St. Louis.
Senior vice department commander----- A. N. SEABER, Jefferson City.
Junior vice department commander----- J. HOLLINGSWORTH, Kansas City.
Assistant adjutant general----- WILBUR F. HENRY,¹ St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES

P. L. Swartz, Joplin.¹
 J. H. McEwan, Kansas City.¹
 J. W. Laney, Kansas City.
 B. F. Park, St. Louis.¹
 L. L. Pinnell, Kansas City.
 S. L. Daily, Kansas City.

¹ Present.

ALTERNATES

Abram Ansen, St. Louis.
 E. N. Edmonds, Kansas City.¹
 J. L. Nichols, Trenton.¹
 R. M. Mayfield, Kansas City.
 J. A. Lane, Webb City.¹
 Marion Hartwell, Fairport.

² Deceased.

MISSOURI—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, 1882-83. ²	Thomas D. Kimball, 1907. ²
W. F. Chamberlain, 1884. ²	J. V. Martin, Brookfield, 1908.
Nelson Cole, 1885-86. ²	W. H. Skinner, 1909. ²
E. E. Kimball, 1887. ²	Robert N. Denham, 1910. ²
Hiram Smith, jr., 1888. ²	Benjamin Warner, 1911. ²
John E. Phelps, 1889 (see Washington and Alaska). ²	Charles W. Ruby, 1912. ²
Leo Rassieur, St. Louis, 1890. ²	Arthur Dreifus, 1913. ²
George W. Martin, 1891. ²	William Lowe, Warrensburg, 1914. ²
C. W. Whitehead, 1892. ²	James B. Bobyne, 1915. ²
Charles G. Burton, 1893. ²	Alex McCandless, 1916. ²
Louis Grund, 1894. ²	Thomas W. Evans, 1917. ²
Lou s Benecke, 1895. ²	Phil F. Coghlan, 1918. ²
Thomas B. Rodgers, 1896. ²	W. C. Calland, Springfield, 1919.
John B. Platt, 1897. ²	Samuel D. Webster, 1920. ²
A. G. Peterson, 1898. ²	A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, 1921.
John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899. ²	James H. Hunter, 1922. ²
Wilbur F. Henry, St. Louis, 1900. ¹	Samuel M. Mann, 1923. ²
George Hall, 1901. ²	Alfred Zartman, 1924. ²
Ira T. Bronson, 1902. ²	Charles Kooock, Sedalia, 1925.
F. M. Sterrett, 1903 (see Ohio). ²	John W. Lanley, St. Louis, 1926. ¹
Jere T. Dew, 1904. ²	D. H. Baldrige, Joplin, 1927.
Henry Fairback, 1905. ²	John Ferguson, Iberia, 1928. ¹
John M. Williams, 1906. ²	Charles H. Mitchell, Kansas City, 1929.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John Hack, Trenton, 1916, 1918.	Perry Buchanan, Springfield, 1928.
A. N. Seaber, Jefferson City, 1921.	A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph, 1929. ¹
Charles C. Bell, Boonville, 1927.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Evans, Herculaneum, 1911.	C. B. Cunningham, Youngstown, 1927.
G. W. Sparks, Trenton, 1920.	C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, 1928.
John T. Emmert, St. Joseph, 1924.	H. M. Anderson. ³
H W. Sandusky, St. Joseph, 1926. ¹	S. George, St. Joseph, 1929. ¹

MONTANA (37)

[Organized March 10, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1929, 80. Posts, 10]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JACK JOHNSON, Columbia Falls.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	CHARLES ANGUS, ¹ Livingston.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	CHARLES WAGNER, Great Falls.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	W. C. LEWIS. ¹ Helena. ³

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATE

C. B. Boyer (at large), Hamilton. ¹	R. R. McCoun, Helena.
D. M. Weiss, Missoula. ¹	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas P. Fuller, 1885. ²	Harry C. Kessler, 1891. ²
Charles S. Warren, 1886. ²	John L. Sloan, 1892. ²
Ela C. Water, 1887. ²	Joseph O. Gregg, Columbus, Ohio, 1893 (see Ohio).
Julius G. Sanders, 1888. ²	Peter R. Dolman, 1894. ²
Michael Brown, 1889. ²	Robert E. Fisk, 1895. ²
James E. Galloway, 1889. ²	Lester S. Willson, 1896. ²
Ed. S. Ferris, 1890. ²	

¹ Present. ² Deceased. ³ National council of administration.

MONTANA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Thaddeus C. Davidson, 1897.²
 W. H. H. Dickinson, 1898.²
 C. B. Miller, 1899.²
 P. B. Manchester, 1900 (see California
 and Nevada).²
 Frank P. Sterling, 1901.²
 Alanson N. Bull, 1902.²
 J. S. Wisner, 1903.²
 Henry N. Blake, 1904.²
 Wilbur F. Sanders, 1905.²
 J. B. Wolgemuth, 1905 (see South
 Dakota).²
 A. J. Fisk, 1906.²
 B. N. Beebe, 1907.²
 Edwin C. Kinney, 1908.²
 Edwin S. Pease, 1909.²
 Robert G. Huston, 1910.²
 John J. Rohrbaugh, 1911.²
 W. Y. Smith, 1912.²

P. W. Sheehy, 1913.²
 E. L. Barnes, 1914.²
 James R. Goss, Billings, 1915.¹
 G. I. Reiche, Helena, 1916.¹
 Simon Hauswirth, Butte, 1917.
 John Marchion, Anaconda, 1918.
 J. Perry McClain, Lo Lo, 1919.
 J. M. Page, 1920.²
 Charles S. Shoemaker, Butte, 1921.²
 William Coleman, 1922.²
 W. B. Harlan, Columbia Falls, 1923.
 D. I. Breneman, Hamilton, 1924.
 R. L. Cleveland, Great Falls, 1925.
 Jacob Ohl, Missoula, 1926.
 C. E. Adams, Three Forks, 1927.
 W. B. White, Billings, 1928.
 Henry Bird, Bozeman, 1929.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

H. H. Makinson, Butte, 1925

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1929, 470. Posts, 70]

Department commander----- F. A. DAMEWOOD,¹ Lincoln.
Senior vice department commander----- J. H. BERGER, Omaha.
Junior vice department commander----- C. P. LOMAX, Lincoln.
Assistant adjutant general----- J. N. FLETCHER,¹ Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. O. Moore (at large), Palmyra.
 J. M. Mahaffey, Bennett.¹
 L. C. McBride, Lincoln.¹
 Jerry Wilhelm, Lincoln.¹
 Barney Lewis, McCook.¹
 I. D. Evans, Lincoln.

ALTERNATES

A. G. Church (at large), Lincoln.
 P. C. Funk, Funk.¹
 T. C. Hegeman, McCook.²
 J. H. Berry, Omaha.
 L. F. Ruppel, Sargent.¹
 J. A. Cauger, Lincoln.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, 1877.²
 R. H. Wilbur, 1878.²
 James W. Savage, 1879-80.²
 S. J. Alexander, 1881-82.²
 John C. Bonnell, 1883.⁹
 Henry E. Palmer, 1884.²
 A. V. Cole, Long Beach, Calif., 1885
 (see California and Nevada).
 John M. Thayer, 1886.²
 H. C. Russell, 1887.²
 W. C. Henry, 1888.²
 J. B. Davis (died in office), 1889.²
 S. H. Morrison, 1889.²
 T. S. Clarkson, 1890.²
 Joseph Teeter, 1891.²
 C. J. Dilworth, 1892.²
 A. H. Church, 1893.²

Church Howe, 1894.²
 Clarendon E. Adams, 1895.²
 J. H. Culver, 1896.²
 John A. Ehrhardt, 1897.²
 Thomas J. Majors, Peru, 1898.
 John E. Evans, 1899.²
 John Reese, Broken Bow, 1900.^{1 7}
 R. S. Wilcox, Omaha, 1901.
 C. F. Steele, 1902.²
 Lee Estelle, 1903.²
 Harmon Bross, 1904.²
 John Lett, York, 1905.²
 John R. Maxson, 1906.²
 Thomas Creigh, 1907.²
 Eli A. Barnes, 1908.²
 L. D. Richards, Fremont, 1909.
 John F. Diener, 1910.²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

⁹ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

NEBRASKA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

A. M. Trimble, 1911. ²	W. J. Blystone, 1921. ²
M. V. King, 1912. ²	John S. Davisson, Omaha, 1922. ¹
John A. Dempster, 1913. ²	O. C. Bell, Lincoln, 1923.
O. H. Durand, 1914. ²	S. F. Sanders, 1924. ²
George C. Humphrey, 1915. ²	E. F. Brown, Lincoln, 1925. ³
W. H. Stewart, 1916. ²	J. O. Moore, Milford, 1926.
Wilson E. Majors, Peru, 1917.	David Bryson, Burkett, 1927.
J. S. Hoagland, 1918. ²	H. V. Hoagland, 1928. ²
J. B. Strode, 1919. ²	T. J. Smith, McCook, 1929. ¹
Joseph H. Presson, 1920. ²	
Griff J. Thomas, 1879–1881, transferred from Wisconsin. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. R. Beachell, Waverly. ¹	W. L. Hilyard, Superior.
T. J. Smith, McCook, 1928. ¹	T. J. Bender, Fairmont.
Thomas E. Moore, Omaha. ¹	Matt. Leach, Kimball, 1929.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Levi M. Copeland, Minden, 1915.	William Balfour, Nehawka, 1928.
G. B. Chase, Juniata, 1924. ¹	R. C. Cutler, York.
David Jack, Peru, 1926. ¹	H. C. Kiester, 1929.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1929, 139. Posts, 37]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	WILLIAM W. FISH, ¹ Mount Vernon.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	HAVEN S. PAUL, ³ Portsmouth.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	CYRUS S. BAILEY, ¹ Nashua.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE K. STRATTON, Concord.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. H. Estes, ¹ Farmington.	W. M. Brown, Northwood.
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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, 1867. ²	Daniel Hall, 1892. ²
William R. Patten, 1868. ²	Frank G. Noyes, 1893. ²
Daniel J. Vaughn, 1869. ²	David R. Pierce, 1894. ²
James E. Larkin, 1870. ²	Charles E. Buzzell, 1895. ²
Augustus H. Bixby, 1871. ²	Lewis W. Aldrich, 1896. ²
William H. Trickey, Tilton, 1872.	James Minot, 1897. ²
Timothy W. Challis, 1873–74. ²	A. S. Twitchell, 1898. ²
Alvin S. Eaton, 1875. ²	Horace L. Worcester, 1899. ²
Charles J. Richards, 1876–78. ²	D. E. Proctor, 1900. ²
George Bowers, 1879–80. ²	A. C. Haines, 1901. ²
Marton A. Haynes, 1881–82. ²	William S. Carter, Lebanon, 1902.
John C. Linehan, 1883–84. ²	Edwin E. Parker, 1903. ²
Marcus M. Collis, 1885. ²	Henry O. Kent, 1904. ²
George Farr, 1886. ²	Daniel B. Newhall, 1905. ²
Otis C. Wyatt, 1887. ²	Osman B. Warren, 1906. ²
A. B. Thompson, 1888. ²	William S. Pillsbury, 1907. ²
James F. Grimes, 1889. ²	Augustus D. Sanborn, 1908. ²
Thomas Cogswell, 1890. ²	Charles W. Stevens, 1909. ²
Everett B. Huse, 1891. ²	Albert D. Scovell, Manchester, 1910. ²

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Henry E. Conant (died in office), 1911.	James H. Hunt, 1920. ²
William A. Beckford, 1911. ²	Arthur Thompson, 1921. ²
George K. Stratton, Bradford, 1912.	J. N. Patterson, 1922. ²
David R. Roys, 1913. ²	J. C. Lewis, Milford, 1923.
O. B. Douglas, 1914. ²	William Blair, Gorham, 1924. ²
M. B. Plummer, 1915. ²	J. R. Squires, Haverhill, 1925.
Reuben T. Leavitt, 1916. ²	Albert J. Barr, 1926. ²
Charles W. Hobbs, 1917. ²	Eben C. Chase, Hooksett, 1927.
Eugene Wason, 1918. ²	Joseph Willis, 1928.
Frank W. Wilson, Manchester, 1919. ²	O. P. Murdick, Keene, 1929.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George C. Richardson, Woodville, 1929

NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1929, 291. Posts, 30]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JOHN H. CONGER, ¹ New Brunswick.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BUCKBEE, ¹ Dunellen.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BILBEE, ¹ Trenton.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	WALTER S. TULLY, ¹ Hillside.

REPRESENTATIVES

Gustavus Jackson (at large), Jersey City.¹
 Washington Russell, Jersey City.¹
 C. D. Jones, Trenton.¹
 Charles Slack, Lambertville.

ALTERNATES

George Mills (at large), Jersey City.¹
 Charles Schittig, Union City.
 E. Everson, Union City.
 O. Currier, Newark.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, 1868. ²	Enos F. Hann, Atlantic City, 1902.
William Ward, 1869-70. ²	Stephen M. Long, 1903. ²
Richard H. Lee, 1871-72. ²	James M. Atwood, 1904. ²
John R. Goble, 1873. ²	Charles Curie, 1905. ²
Charles Burrows, Rutherford, 1874-75. ⁴	Alfred Atkins, 1906. ²
E. W. Davis, 1876. ²	Arthur W. Tench, Maplewood, 1907. ²
John Muller, 1877-78. ²	John Foran, 1908. ²
Samuel Hufty, 1879. ²	James F. Connelly, 1909. ²
George W. Gile, 1880. ²	James Inglis, jr., 1910. ²
Charles H. Houghton, 1881. ²	Adrian S. Appleget, 1911. ²
E. L. Campbell, 1882. ²	Terrance J. McDonald, 1912. ²
George Fielder, 1883. ²	John W. Bodine, 1913. ²
Henry M. Nevius, 1884-85. ²	Forman J. Reynolds, 1914. ²
Frank O. Cole, Jersey City, 1886.	Samuel G. Garretson, 1914. ²
J. L. Wheeler, 1887. ²	William F. Washington, 1915. ²
E. Burd Grubb, 1888. ²	William O. Allen, Newark, 1916. ^{1 3}
W. E. B. Miller, 1889. ²	Walter S. Tully, Hillside, 1917. ¹
A. M. Matthews, 1890. ²	George E. Boyd, Jersey City, 1918.
James R. Mullikin, 1891. ²	A. J. Washburn (died in office), 1919.
R. A. Donnelly, 1892. ²	Frank Briden, sr., 1919. ²
H. L. Hartshorn, 1893. ²	John T. McNeil, 1920. ²
John Shields, 1894. ²	Isaac Cole, 1921. ²
Henry S. White, 1895. ²	James A. Rikeman, 1922. ²
Ernest C. Stahl, 1896. ²	P. J. Lydecker, 1923-24. ²
Emanuel Sands, 1897. ²	Leonard L. Roray, Camden, 1925. ¹
Samuel G. Hayter, 1897. ²	Joseph A. Goodrich, Jersey City, 1926. ¹
William O. Smith, Plainfield, 1898. ¹	Augustus Van Giesen, Paterson, 1927.
George Barrett, Camden, 1899.	Charles Hopper, 1928. ¹
E. V. Richards, 1900. ²	Spencer Smith, Paterson, 1929. ¹
J. Lawrence, 1901. ²	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

NEW JERSEY—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Kirkbride, Camden, 1903.
W. W. Mendell, Cranford, 1907.²
A. C. Gile, Cape May, 1917.¹

Frank Baker, Union City, 1921.¹
Johnston Riley, Chews, 1927.

NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1929, 2,020. Posts, 238]

Department commander----- GEORGE H. TAYLOR,¹ New York City.
Senior vice department commander----- CALVIN L. VINCENT,¹ Elmira.
Junior vice department commander----- JOSEPH BAUER,¹ Rochester.
Assistant adjutant general----- ALFRED E. STACEY,¹ Elbridge.

REPRESENTATIVES

Joseph H. Benzino (at large), Buffalo.¹
William Murrell, Corning.¹
Thomas M. Valleau, New York City.¹
George B. Fairhead, Utica.¹
Jesse W. Mills, Brooklyn.¹
William Busch, Long Island.¹
Thomas Barker, Belmore, Long Island.¹
Simon Nager, Queens, Long Island.¹
Charles Heacox, Schenectady.¹
George C. Eldridge, Dumont.¹
E. E. Kelsey, Falconer.¹
E. J. Hoffman, Brooklyn.¹
Charles L. Shegur, Union Springs.
George S. Williams, Geneseo.
Fred A. Mathews, Horseheads.
John Maxwell, Buffalo.
Oren Tanner, Lancaster.
G. A. Austin, Stafford.
Francis Keyser, Brooklyn.¹
George E. Reynolds, Canajoharie.¹
Philo Woodward, Springville.

ALTERNATES

Sidney J. Westfall (at large), Auburn.
John H. Stevens, Geneva.
Chris. A. Farrell, New York City.
Jerome H. Coe, Syracuse.
I. H. Chatfield, Rochester.
Frank M. Fisher, Buffalo.
W. Henry Hunn, Batavia.
Olivar Bates, Camillus.
Hiram Krill, Rochester.
Edward C. Fay, Syracuse.¹
W. T. Smith, Waterloo.
N. G. Vandenberg, Syracuse.¹
Pierre Zeno, Brooklyn.
A. F. Beebee, Evans Mills.
Hiram Morrison, Hammondsport.
Charles E. Bates, Elbridge.
Elisha H. Baker, Marietta.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, 1866-67.²
Daniel E. Sickles, 1868-69.²
Edwin B. Lansing, 1869.²
John C. Robinson, 1870.²
Henry A. Barnum, 1871-72.²
Stephen P. Corliss, 1873-74.²
Edward Jardine, 1874.²
John Palmer, 1875.²
James Tanner, 1876-77.²
William F. Rogers, 1878.²
James McQuade, 1879.²
L. Coe Young, 1880.²
Abram Merritt, 1881.²
James S. Fraser, 1882.²
John A. Reynolds, 1883.²
Ira M. Hedges, 1884.²
H. Clay Hall, 1885.²
Joseph I. Sayles, 1886.²
George H. Treadwell, 1887.²
N. Martin Curtis, 1888.²
Harrison Clark, 1889.²
Floyd Clarkson, 1890.²

Charles H. Freeman, 1891.²
Theodore L. Poole, 1892.²
Joseph P. Cleary, 1893.²
John C. Shotts, 1894.²
Edward J. Atkinson, 1895.²
James S. Graham, Rochester, 1896.²
Albert D. Shaw, 1897.²
Anson S. Wood, 1898.²
Joseph W. Kay, 1899.²
N. P. Pond, 1900.²
Charles A. Orr, 1901.²
Allan C. Bakewell, 1902.²
John S. Koster, 1903.²
Henry N. Burhans, 1904.²
James M. Snyder, 1905.²
John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, 1906.²
Harlan J. Swift, 1907.²
William H. Daniels, 1908.²
M. J. Cummings, 1909.²
DeWitt C. Hurd, 1910.²
George B. Loud, 1911.²
Oscar Smith, Albany, 1912.

¹ Present.² Deceased.

NEW YORK—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester, 1913. ³	Thomas J. McConekey, 1923. ²
James D. Bell, 1914. ²	Henry L. Keene, Bath, 1924. ²
Zan L. Tidball, New Valparaiso, Fla., 1915. ²	Duncan J. McMillan, New York, 1925.
Solomon W. Russell, 1916. ²	John Van Duyn, Syracuse, 1926.
William F. Kirchner, 1917. ²	George W. Flynn, 1927 (died in office).
Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, 1918. ^{1 7}	William M. Chatham, 1928 (died in office).
Joseph E. Ewell, 1919. ²	Henry Lilly, New York, 1928.
Alfrey E. Stacey, Elbridge, 1920. ¹	William P. Griffith, 1928.
Isadore Isaacs, 1921. ²	Martin V. Stone, Jamestown, 1929.
Calvin A. Brainard, Buffalo, 1922. ⁴	
De Alva S. Alexander, 1884, transferred from Potomac.	
W. L. Palmer, 1899, transferred from South Dakota. ²	
A. E. Sholes, Flushing, 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.	
David R. Wilson, New York, 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.	
John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from Oklahoma. (See California and Nevada.)	
Robert W. Hill, transferred from Department of Indian Territory.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. Stewart Warner, Skaneateles, 1918. ¹	John T. Brennan, Watertown, 1928.
Philip M. Wales, Troy, 1922.	Charles T. Peck, 1929. ¹
Chas. A. Shaw, New York, 1924.	Nelson E. Rowe, Binghamton, 1930.
Thomas H. Stritch, Brooklyn, 1926.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert Simpson, jr., Fulton, 1914.	Frank P. Frost, Elmira, 1928.
Ringgold W. Carman, Flushing, 1922.	Edward M. Griffiths, New York City, 1929.
Louis H. LaVallee, Delmar, 1919. ¹	
Michael B. Wood, New York, 1923.	

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1929, 55. Posts, 11]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	C. H. PALMER, ¹ Casselton.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> ----	M. SKARISON, ¹ Velva.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> ----	C. P. CRARY, ¹ Ellendale.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	D. G. DUELL, ¹ Devils Lake.

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas Sheard (at large) Cathay.¹
James Michels, Minnewaukan.

ALTERNATES

R. Marshall (at large), Minot.
John Munig, Webster.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, 1899. ²	Edward C. Geary, 1897. ²
George B. Winship, San Diego, Calif., 1890.	Edwin Southard, 1898. ²
William A. Bentley, 1891. ² (See California and Nevada.)	William Ackerman, 1899. ²
Samuel G. Roberts, 1892. ²	Freeman Orcutt, 1900. ²
John D. Black, 1893. ²	D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, 1901. ¹
James M. O'Neale, 1894. ²	John C. Gipson, ² San Diego, Calif., 1902. (See Oklahoma, New York, California, and Nevada.)
A. P. Rounseville, 1895 (see Florida). ²	H. J. Rowe, Minneapolis, Minn., 1903.
William H. Brown, 1896. ²	D. F. Siegfried, 1904. ²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

NORTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Joseph Hare, 1905. ²	J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, 1918. ³
B. F. Bigelow, 1906. ²	James McCormick, Devils Lake, 1919.
Sylvester J. Hill, 1907. ²	David B. McClain, 1920. ²
J. L. Richmond, 1908. ²	Orange A. Potter, 1920. ²
Halsey Curry, 1909. ²	Charles P. Stearns, Valley City, 1921.
Albert Roberts, Devils Lake, 1910. ¹	Smith Stimmel, Fargo, 1922. ¹
James H. Mathews, 1911. ²	H. F. Dinsmore, Geddes, 1923. ²
George W. Kurtz, 1912. ²	F. C. Conklin, Minot, 1924.
G. B. Vallandigham, 1913. ²	George Hawks, Fargo, 1925.
Alexander Hay, Wahpeton, 1914.	John A. Searight, Towner, 1926.
John L. Smith, 1915. ²	Charles Cotter, Fargo, 1927. ¹
Henry Beal, 1916. ²	R. M. Donnelly, Jamestown, 1928.
Christian Schmidt. San Diego, Calif., 1917. ²	R. D. Bagley, Minot, 1929.

OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1929, 1,866. Posts, 189]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	W. A. TALBOTT, ¹ Cleveland.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	AUGUST BALDWIN, ¹ Lorain.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	J. T. ROMIG, ¹ New Philadelphia.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	L. N. CONARD, ¹ Columbus.

REPRESENTATIVES

Fred Pfiester (at large), Cincinnati,¹
Frederick R. Sparks, Norwood.¹
John S. Jones, Cincinnati.¹
J. S. Kimbrough, Wilmington.¹
Wm. F. Brandt, Dayton.¹
D. M. Robbins, Columbus.¹
Wm. M. King, Lancaster.¹
Fred Klages, Patriot.¹
A. J. Learned, Millfield.¹
Charles N. Cooper, Sandusky.¹
Byron W. Joslin, Sidney.¹
Henry Bayes, Bryan.¹
L. H. Hughes, Findlay.
A. O. Williams, Toledo.¹
S. F. Bell, Mansfield.¹
J. L. Haskins, Uhrichsville.¹
S. F. Robinson, Columbus.¹
W. L. Hooper, Columbus.
A. D. Miller, Akron.¹
Andrew Dillon, Cleveland.¹

ALTERNATES

A. E. Oppenheimer (at large), Fremont.
T. H. Biles, Cincinnati.
W. H. Boyce, Cincinnati.
George Meyers, Wakefield.
H. J. Becker, Dayton.
Frank Pappert, Springfield.
James Allen, Logan.
M. C. Boice, Cheshire.
Isaac Newton, Athens.
Levi Everett, Sandusky.
Charles I. McDargh, Urbana.
George W. Hamet, West Unity.
A. D. Hartman, Napoleon.¹
W. H. Smith, Toledo.
Thomas Shocker, Mansfield.
T. R. Woodborne, New Philadelphia.
Simeon Chapman, Sunbury.
Joseph Foark, Hillards.
States A. McCoy, Akron.
N. Weidenkopf, Cleveland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, 1866. ²	David W. Thomas, 1880. ²
Thomas L. Young, 1867. ²	John S. Kountz, 1881. ²
J. Warren Keifer, Springfield, 1868-1870. ⁶	Charles T. Clark, 1882-83. ²
William C. Bunts, 1871-72. ²	H. P. Lloyd, 1884. ²
G. M. Barber, 1873-74. ²	R. B. Brown, 1885. ²
Alvin C. Voris, 1875. ²	Arthur L. Conger, 1886. ²
William Earnshaw, 1876-77. ²	D. C. Putnam, 1887. ²
Nathan L. Guthrie, 1878. ²	Joseph W. O'Neill, 1888. ²
James H. Seymour, 1879. ²	S. H. Hurst, 1889. ²
James H. Steadman, 1879. ²	P. H. Dowling, 1890. ²
	A. M. Warner, Cincinnati, 1891. ²

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
⁶ Past junior vice commander in chief.

OHIO—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Isaac F. Mack, 1892. ²	J. F. Johnston, 1911. ²
L. H. Williams, 1893. ²	Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, 1912. ¹
E. E. Nutt, 1894. ²	W. R. Warnock, 1913. ²
Charles Townsend, 1895. ²	J. Kent Hamilton, 1914. ²
E. L. Lybarger, 1896. ²	Seeley P. Mount, 1915. ²
Henry Kissinger, 1897. ²	W. H. Surles, 1916. ²
David F. Pugh, 1898. ²	W. A. Pittenger, 1917. ²
Thomas R. Shinn, 1899. ²	D. M. Hall, 1918. ²
Elias R. Monfort, 1900. ²	H. C. Martindale, Cleveland, 1919. ²
Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, 1901. ^{1 3}	John M. Adams, 1920. ²
Walton Weber, 1902. ²	M. J. Sloan, 1921. ²
Arthur C. Yengling, 1903. ²	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, Van Wert, 1922. ²
B. M. Moulton, 1904. ²	Daniel S. Wilder, 1923. ²
Amos Huffman, 1905. ²	Edmund Burdsall, Batavia, 1924.
George A. Harmon, 1906. ²	John Ambler, Youngstown, 1925.
W. S. Rogers, 1907. ²	Levi H. Derby, Norwalk, 1926. ²
John H. Sharer (died in office), 1908.	Jacob Secrest, Cincinnati, 1927. ¹
George Hall, Lima, 1908. ²	John McClay, Columbus, 1928. ¹
Charles H. Newton, 1909. ²	Salonas A. Williams, Wellington, 1929.
Henry A. Axline, 1910. ²	
Joseph O. Gregg, ² Columbus, 1892, transferred from Montana.	
Frank M. Sterrett, ² 1903, transferred from Missouri.	
J. King Gibson, chaplain in chief. ¹	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. T. Dunn, Findlay, 1900.	George D. Neal, Mount Vernon, 1925.
A. Baldwin, Lorain, 1911. ¹	John McClay, Columbus, 1926. ¹
J. W. Myers, Hamilton, 1918.	H. T. Holman, Canton, 1927. ¹
I. N. Smith, Greenville, 1921.	S. M. Fletcher, Lima, 1928.
M. O. Messer, Warren, 1924.	John H. King, Findlay, 1929. ¹

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. P. Rife, Defiance, 1921.	W. H. Little, Canton, 1928. ¹
J. R. Oldfield, Bryan, 1926. ¹	A. B. Adams, Cincinnati, 1929. ¹
Charles H. Durfey, Columbus, 1927.	

OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1929, 243. Posts, 21. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie May 19-22, 1908]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	J. W. BRIDGE, ¹ Enid.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	R. L. O. MEALEY, ¹ Lamont.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	W. D. COLE, ¹ Oklahoma City.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	A. C. SIMS, ¹ Oklahoma City.

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

A. Fagen, Oklahoma City. ¹	S. M. Elder, Newkirk.
J. F. Winans, Oklahoma City.	P. A. Smith, El Reno. ¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, 1890. ²	J. P. Cummings, 1894 (see California and Nevada). ²
G. M. Coulton, 1891. ²	H. G. Trospen, 1895. ²
D. F. Wyatt, 1892. ²	W. H. Cater, 1896. ²
T. H. Soward, 1894. ²	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

OKLAHOMA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

C. R. Young, 1897. ²	George W. Billings, 1914 (died in office).
G. D. Munger, 1898. ²	George W. Fletcher, 1914. ²
J. J. S. Hassler, 1899. ²	A. A. Beasler, 1915. ²
I. W. Rush, 1899. ²	Albert Reeves, 1916. ²
M. L. Mock, 1900. ²	J. C. White, 1917. ²
James E. Burns, Fresno, Calif., 1901 (see California and Nevada).	F. E. Hills, Enid, 1918. ¹
Wesley Taylor, 1902. ²	F. M. Cline, Woodward, 1919. ¹
Cyrus P. Green, Enid, 1903. ²	W. S. Tilton, Burbank, Calif., 1920 (see California and Nevada). ¹
S. P. Strahan, 1904. ²	Jacob Amberg, Oklahoma City, 1921. ¹
G. M. Parks, 1905. ²	W. F. Clark, 1922. ²
Peter A. Becker, Anadarko, 1906. ²	J. J. Lyons, 1923. ²
W. H. Hornaday, veterans' home, California, 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. W. Garner, Perkins, 1924. ¹
H. Veatch, 1908. ²	J. H. Norton (died in office), 1925.
William Higgins, 1909. ³	J. H. Luman, Bristow, 1925. ¹
B. N. Turk, 1910. ²	N. D. McGinley, Guthrie, 1926. ¹
Wilberforce Jones, 1911. ³	W. T. Deupree, Oklahoma City, 1927. ²
W. R. Kelley, 1912. ²	R. L. Johnson, Tonkawa, 1928. ¹
L. C. Coffin, Elgin, 1913. ¹	A. W. Lee, Cleveland, 1929. ¹

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins, 1891. ²	Gideon S. White, 1899.
B. F. Harris, 1892. ²	John S. Hammer, 1900-1902.
J. H. Spann, McAlester, 1893.	J. A. Rose, 1903.
Savelon Boyles, 1894. ²	Robert Ross, 1904.
J. L. Thomas, 1895. ²	Samuel H. Smith, Muskogee, 1905.
William H. Harrison, 1896. ²	J. F. Ayers, 1906. ²
R. M. J. Shriver, Miami, 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer, 1907. ²
David Redfield, Ardmore, 1898.	
D. W. Eastman, 1908, transferred from Kansas. ²	
John C. Gipson, San Diego, Calif., 1902, transferred from North Dakota. (See New York and California and Nevada.)	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. Obreiter, Oklahoma City, 1915. ¹	D. C. Bothell, El Reno, 1927. ¹
S. P. Galloway, Carmen, 1923. ²	Harlan Emerson, Enid, 1928. ¹
H. A. Galloway, Stroud, 1924. ¹	J. Y. Robison, Bristol, 1929. ¹
J. A. Oliphant, Tulsa, 1926. ¹	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. V. Gardner, Apache, 1923. ²	B. H. Riggs, Caro City, 1928. ¹
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OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1929, 400. Posts, 33]

Department commander-----	WILLIAM M. COLVIG, ¹ Medford.
Senior vice department commander-----	CHARLES M. EICHLER, Eugene.
Junior vice department commander-----	J. W. JONES, Portland.
Assistant adjutant general-----	JOSEPH E. HALL, ¹ Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATE
Fred R. Smith (at large), Salem.	Royal J. Taylor (at large), Portland.
W. J. Stokes, Portland.	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

OREGON—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce, 1882. ²	J. T. Apperson, 1908. ²
G. E. Caulkin, 1883. ²	Janres P. Shaw, Portland, 1909.
F. J. Babcock, 1884. ²	W. J. R. Beach, 1910. ²
F. H. Lamb, 1885-86. ²	Newton Clark, 1911. ²
M. L. Olmstead, 1887. ²	Thomas B. McDevitt, Portland, 1912. ²
A. E. Borthwick, 1888. ²	S. W. Taylor, Roseburg, 1913.
E. B. McElroy, 1889. ²	H. S. Fargo, 1914. ²
James A. Varney, 1890. ²	George A. Harding, 1915. ²
Owen Summers, 1891. ²	Joseph E. Hall, Portland, 1916.
H. H. Northup, 1892. ²	J. G. Chambers, Portland, 1917.
J. C. Cooper, McMinnville, 1893.	Tillman H. Stevens, 1918. ²
S. B. Ormsby, 1894. ²	Daniel Webster, 1919. ²
E. W. Allen, 1895. ²	J. T. Butler, 1920. ²
D. C. Sherman, 1896. ²	C. A. Williams, 1921. ²
Frank Reisner, 1897. ²	D. L. McKay, Portland, 1922. ²
C. P. Holloway, Portland, 1898. ²	George R. Castner, Hood River, 1923. ²
H. V. Gates, Hillsboro, 1899.	Henry E. Dosch, 1924 (died in office).
A. J. Goodbrod, 1900. ²	J. L. Crow, 1924. ²
J. A. Sladen, 1901. ²	J. F. Nelson, Oregon City, 1925.
M. L. Pratt, 1902. ²	William Clemmens, Newberg, 1926.
David H. Turner, 1903. ²	H. S. Lillagar, Portland, 1927.
B. F. Pike, 1904. ²	William Clemmens, Newberg, 1928.
T. E. Hills, Portland, 1905.	L. C. Washburn, 1929 (died in office). ²
Hamer Sutcliffe, 1906. ²	Charles True, 1929 (died in office). ²
S. F. Blythe, 1907. ²	Gideon Stolz, Salem, 1929.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Rufus Wagner, Newport, 1922.	S. B. Cathcart, Mansfield, 1926.
James Holman, Grants Pass, 1923.	J. J. Newmeyer, Chenrawa, 1927. ²
George Knieriem, Corbett, 1925.	M. L. Moore, Roseburg, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Hay, Forest Grove, 1923.	Royal Taylor, Portland, 1927.
J. L. Marshall, Newberg, 1924.	L. C. Washburn, McMinnville, 1928. ²
L. N. Guy, Portland, 1926.	

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1929, 2,058. Posts, 190]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	CHARLES W. MECONNAHEY, ¹ Philadelphia.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	R. N. SPORN, ¹ Aspinwall.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	W. A. MCKAY, ¹ Utica.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, ¹ Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVES

Jacob Barron (at large), Philadelphia.¹
A. T. Anderson, Washington.¹
Louis F. Barger, Philadelphia.¹
G. F. Moser, New Castle.
Wade J. Day, Washington.¹
George W. Gillet, Philadelphia.¹
H. J. Harold, Conshohocken.¹
William G. Moffett, Williamsport.¹
Pearson S. Cline, Philadelphia.¹
Louis B. Lomax, Chester.
John J. Nichols, Pittsburgh.¹

¹ Present.

ALTERNATES

Samuel B. Hanson (at large), Philadelphia.¹
H. V. Carls, Altoona.¹
William H. Walter, Philadelphia.
George W. Boyer, St. Marys.
H. R. McCalmont, Warren.
S. R. Steele, Freeport.
George Phillips, Etna.
Bazel Lemley, Mount Morris.
J. H. Miller, Somerset.
John Nixon, Pittsburgh.

² Deceased.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

REPRESENTATIVES—continued

Martin R. Good, Lancaster.¹
 Madison G. Fritz, Greenville.¹
 John Baker, Brookville.
 Joseph C. Doyle, Philadelphia.¹
 Henry T. Greenwood, Philadelphia.¹
 William W. Donley, Philadelphia.¹
 William T. Simpson, Scranton.¹
 J. P. Sankey, Carnegie.¹
 S. C. Foster, Sharon.¹
 Thomas E. Morgan, Carnegie.¹
 William H. Shafer, Altoona.¹

ALTERNATES—continued

Edwin Nicholas, Tarentum.
 John Speer, Pittsburgh.
 J. W. Williams, Etna.
 Jacob Ulrich, Harrisburg.
 Henry K. Landis, Lancaster.
 S. C. Hollingsworth, Latrobe.
 C. F. Morgan, Pottsville.
 W. J. McKain, Pittsburgh.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner, 1866-67.²
 A. L. Pearson, 1868.²
 O. C. Bosbyshell, 1869.²
 Howard J. Reeder, 1870-71.²
 Frank Reeder, 1872.²
 Robert B. Beath, 1873.²
 A. Wilson Norris, 1874.²
 W. W. Tyson, 1875.²
 James W. Latta, 1876.²
 Samuel I. Givin, 1877.²
 Charles T. Hull, 1878.²
 George L. Brown, 1879.²
 Chill W. Hazard, 1880.²
 John Taylor, 1881.²
 John M. Vanderslice, 1882.²
 E. S. Osborne, 1883.²
 Frederick H. Dyer, 1884.²
 F. Austin Curtin, 1885.²
 J. P. S. Gobin, 1886.²
 Samuel Harper, 1887.²
 Frank J. Magee, 1888.²
 Thomas J. Stewart, 1889.²
 Joseph F. Denuiston, 1890.²
 George G. Boyer, 1891.²
 John P. Taylor, 1892.²
 Thomas G. Sample, 1893.²
 William Emsley, 1894.²
 H. H. Cumings, 1895.²
 Alfred Darte, 1896.²
 William D. Stauffer, 1897.²
 William J. Patterson, 1898.²

James F. Morrison, 1899.²
 Charles Miller, 1900.²
 Levi G. McCauley, 1901.²
 R. P. Scott, 1902.²
 Edwin Walton, 1903.²
 John McNevin, 1904.²
 J. Andrew Wilt, 1905.²
 M. A. Gherst, 1906.²
 William T. Powell, Pittsburgh, 1907.
 P. De Lacy, 1908.²
 Thad M. Mahon, 1909.²
 L. W. Moore, 1910.²
 N. P. Kingsley, 1911.²
 Thomas H. Cole, 1912.²
 William J. Wells, 1913.²
 John A. Fairman, 1914.²
 C. C. Gramlich, 1915.²
 L. F. Arensberg, E. Millsboro, 1916.^{1 7}
 Noah Dietrich, 1917.²
 J. D. Hicks, 1918.²
 George W. Rhoads, 1919.²
 C. H. William Ruhe, Pittsburgh, 1920.¹
 Charles C. Taylor, Philadelphia, 1921.²
 W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, 1922.^{1 3}
 J. J. Shoemaker, 1923.²
 H. H. Spayd, 1924.²
 A. M. Breckinridge, Oil City, 1925.¹
 Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, 1926.¹
 John B. Patrick, Harrisburg, 1927.
 George I. Rudolph, Pittsburgh, 1928.¹
 Phil Engelskirger, Franklin, 1929.¹

James E. Porter,² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 James M. Davis,² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. H. Druckenmiller, Marietta, 1886.
 John V. Miller, Lewisburg, 1889.
 Charles F. Chidsey, Easton, 1893.
 H. R. Breneman, Lancaster, 1904.
 H. E. Paine, Scranton, 1913.¹

F. H. Hoy, Harrisburg, 1914.
 John Woy, Johnstown, 1917.
 William H. Heddens, Danville, 1918.
 J. H. Pershing, D. D., Greensburg.
 John R. Steele, Oil City.¹

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁷ Past commander in chief.

PENNSYLVANIA—Continued

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. M. Showalter, Oxford, 1907.
Allen J. Clifton, Easton, 1921.

M. P. Cashner, Bethlehem, 1926.

POTOMAC (14)

[Organized February 13, 1869. Membership, December 31, 1929, 142. Posts, 5]

Department Commander----- F. J. YOUNG,¹ Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander----- DARWIN WEAVER, Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general----- J. H. SHEPHERD, Berwyn, Md.

REPRESENTATIVES

O. H. Olroyd, Washington, D. C.
John T. Ryan, Washington, D. C.

ALTERNATES

Alex Oglesby, Washington, D. C.¹
B. W. Bonney, Washington, D. C.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan, 1869. ²	B. F. Bingham, 1902. ²
Timothy Luby, 1870-1872. ²	I. G. Kimball, 1903. ²
Frank H. Sprague, 1873-74. ²	Abram Hart, 1904. ²
Benjamin F. Hawkes, 1876. ²	A. P. Tasker, Portsmouth, N. H., 1905.
A. H. G. Richardson, 1877. ²	B. P. Entrikin, 1906. ²
George E. Corson, 1878. ²	Newton Ferree, 1907. ²
Harrison Dingman, 1879. ²	John S. Walker, 1908. ²
Charles C. Royce, 1880. ²	Edwin H. Holbrook, 1909. ²
William Gibson, 1881. ²	Henry A. Johnson, Washington, 1910.
Samuel S. Burdett, 1882-83. ²	George C. Ross, 1911. ²
D. S. Alexander, 1884. ²	J. D. Bloodgood, 1912. ²
Newton M. Brooks, 1885. ²	Thomas H. McKee, 1913. ²
Jerome B. Burke, 1886-87. ²	J. K. Gleason, 1914. ²
Charles P. Lincoln, 1888. ²	L. H. Patterson, 1915. ²
William S. Odell, 1889. ²	A. H. Huntoon, 1916. ²
M. Emmett Urell, 1890. ²	A. H. Frear, 1917. ²
J. M. Pipes, Flora, Ill., 1891. ²	S. G. Mawson, Washington, 1918.
A. F. Dinsmore, 1892. ²	H. B. Snyder, 1919. ²
S. E. Faunce, Washington, 1893. ²	John McElroy, Washington, 1920-21. ²
Nathan Bickford, 1894. ²	H. L. Deam, 1922. ²
Marion T. Anderson, 1895. ²	John W. Reid, 1923. ²
John McElroy, Washington, 1896. ²	Briscoe Goodhart, 1924. ²
Thomas S. Hopkins, 1897. ²	Hosea B. Moulton, Washington, 1925.
Arthur Hendricks, 1898. ²	C. V. Petteys, Washington, 1926.
Calvin Farnsworth, 1899. ²	John L. Clem, Washington, 1927. ⁴
George H. Slaybaugh, Washington, 1900. ²	W. R. Bobb, 1928.
Israel W. Stone, 1901. ²	Harry T. Dunbar, 1928.
	S. G. Mawson, 1929.

E. S. Godfrey, Cookstown, N. J., transferred from Arizona.

John L. Clem, Washington, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Hazard Wheeler, Washington, 1921.
George H. Kunsman, Washington, 1926.
Theodore F. Brown, Washington, 1927.²

Frederick Shortsleeves, Washington,
D. C., 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

S. F. Hamilton, Washington, 1929

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁴ Past senior vice commander in chief.

RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership December 31, 1929, 128. Posts, 17]

Department commander----- CHARLES H. LEWIS,¹ Pawtucket.
Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES H. BULLOCK,¹ East Providence.
Junior vice department commander----- HENRY F. KNOX, Providence.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRED A. BURT,¹ Providence.

REPRESENTATIVES

Squire F. Fisk.¹ | James A. Alger.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside, 1868. ²	George H. Chenery, 1902. ²
Horatio Rogers, 1869. ²	James S. Hudson, 1903. ²
Charles R. Brayton, 1870-71. ²	Joseph Wooley, 1904. ²
Elisha M. Rhodes, 1872-73. ²	Ezra K. Parker, 1905. ²
Edwin Metcalf, 1874. ²	George L. Greene, 1906. ²
Edwin C. Pomroy, 1875. ²	Edward Wilcox, 1907. ²
Charles H. Williams, 1876. ²	William O. Milne, 1908. ²
Henry J. Spooner, 1877. ²	Francello G. Jillson, 1909. ²
Fred A. Arnold, 1878. ²	Charles H. Ewer, 1910. ²
Henry R. Barker, 1879. ²	Ezra Dixon, Bristol, 1911.
Charles C. Gray, 1880. ²	Thomas M. Holden, 1912. ²
William H. P. Steers, 1881. ²	George H. Cheek, 1913. ²
Henry F. Jenks, 1882. ²	Gilbert Wilson, 1914. ²
Philip S. Chase, 1883. ²	Henry J. Pickersgill, 1915. ²
Andrew J. McMahon, 1884. ²	Joseph Gough, 1916. ²
Eugene A. Cory, 1885. ²	Augustine A. Mann, 1917. ²
Theodore A. Barton, 1886. ²	Murdock C. McKenzie, 1918. ²
Benjamin L. Hall, Providence, 1887.	Fred A. Burt, Providence, 1919. ¹
Gideon Spencer, 1888. ²	William Massie, 1920. ²
Alonzo Williams, 1889. ²	Fred S. Oatley, Norwood, 1921. ¹
Benjamin F. Davis, 1890. ²	Samuel A. Wheldon, East Providence, 1922. ^{1,3}
Benjamin H. Child, 1891. ²	Zophar Skinner, 1923. ²
David S. Ray, 1892. ²	George R. Saunders, Providence, 1924.
George T. Cranston, 1893. ²	William F. Comrie, East Providence, 1925.
Charles H. Baker, 1894. ²	Robert M. Pollard, Pawtucket, 1926. ¹
Daniel R. Ballou, 1895. ²	Christopher M. Carpenter, 1927-28 (died in office). ²
William E. Stone, 1896. ²	William Dunham, 1928.
Livingston Scott, 1897. ²	Charles H. Lewis, Pawtucket, 1929. ¹
Samuel W. K. Allen, 1898. ²	
Charles O. Ballou, 1899. ²	
Walter A. Reed, 1900. ²	
Charles P. Moise, 1901. ²	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

James A. Abbott, Providence, 1929

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1873. Membership, December 31, 1929, 94. Posts, 18]

Department commander----- E. L. HURLBUT,¹ Rapid City.
Senior vice department commander----- W. H. SMITH, Sioux Falls.
Junior vice department commander----- LEROY KINNEY,¹ Yankton.
Assistant adjutant general----- W. H. CORNELL,¹ Brookings.

REPRESENTATIVE

C. W. Trux, Huron.

¹ Present.² Deceased.

ALTERNATE

W. M. Downs, Madison.

³ National council of administration.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas S. Free, 1883–84. ²	N. I. Lowthian, 1906. ²
W. V. Lucas, 1885–86 (see California and Nevada). ²	T. C. DeJean, 1907. ²
Harrison Allen, 1887. ²	Warren G. Osborn, Yankton, 1908.
S. F. Hammond, 1888 (see Minnesota). ²	Alex S. Stewart, 1909. ²
George A. Silsby, 1889. ²	N. H. Kingman, 1910. ²
E. T. Langley, 1890 (see California and Nevada). ²	Thomas H. Brown, 1911. ²
C. S. Palmer, 1891 (see Vermont). ²	O. S. Gifford, 1912 (died in office). ²
J. B. Hoit, 1892 (see Minnesota). ²	H. L. Ferry, 1912. ²
N. C. Nash, 1893. ²	John L. Jolley, 1913. ²
George W. Carpenter, 1894. ²	C. A. B. Fox, 1914. ²
S. R. Drake, 1895. ²	C. S. Blodgett, 1915. ²
John Ackley, 1896 (died in office). ²	Walter H. Carr, 1916. ²
J. F. Baker, Hermosa, 1896. ²	J. C. Luce, 1917. ²
C. B. Clark, 1897. ²	James S. Sebree, Pierre, 1918. ²
E. P. Farr, 1898. ²	A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1919.
W. L. Palmer, 1899 (see New York). ²	E. L. Hurlbut, Rapid City, 1920. ¹
Philip Lawrence, Pomona, Calif., 1900 (see California and Nevada).	John E. Davis, Lennox, 1921. ¹
George W. Snow, 1901. ²	A. L. Van Osdel, Yankton, 1922.
Thomas E. Blanchard, 1902. ²	H. P. Carson, Huron, 1923. ^{1 3}
Thomas Reed, 1903. ²	H. P. Smith, 1924. ²
H. P. Packard, 1904. ²	W. H. Cornell, Brookings, S. Dak., 1925. ¹
J. B. Wolgemuth, 1905 (see Montana). ²	R. T. Sedam, St. Lawrence, 1926. ²
	G. W. Dewey, Beresford, 1927.
	H. C. Smith, 1928.
	W. A. Drake, Madison, 1929. ¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. A. Thompson, Huron, 1929

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

H. W. Smith, Sioux Falls, 1929

TENNESSEE (34)

[Organized February 26, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1929, 35. Posts, 5]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	HARMON KRIES, ¹ Knoxville.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	B. J. MEADOWS, ¹ Knoxville.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	C. M. CHILDRESS, Knoxville.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	B. F. BASHOR, ¹ Knoxville.

REPRESENTATIVES

James Moore (at large), Chattanooga.
John H. Jones, Memphis.

ALTERNATES

Carter Adams, Henry.
Lee H. Humphrey, Knoxville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward S. Jones, 1884–85. ²	W. J. Smith, 1895. ²
E. E. Winters, 1886. ²	H. B. Case, 1896–97. ²
William J. Ramage, 1887. ²	W. H. Nelson, 1898. ²
Wm. Rule, 1888. ²	A. H. Crumbliss, 1899. ²
A. H. Pettibone, 1889. ²	S. T. Harris, 1900. ²
Chas. F. Muller, 1890.	M. M. Harris, 1901. ²
A. J. Gahagan, Chattanooga, 1891. ²	G. W. Patton, 1902–3. ²
H. C. Whittaker, 1892. ²	Ben A. Hamilton, 1904. ²
Frank Seaman, 1893. ²	W. W. French, 1905. ²
W. F. Milburn, 1894. ²	John T. Wilder, 1906. ²

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

TENNESSEE—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

Will A. McTeer, 1907.²
 S. W. Tindell, Johnson City, 1908.¹
 D. Minor Steward, 1909.²
 Ignaz Fanz, 1910.²
 C. H. Flournoy, 1911.²
 A. M. Gamble, 1912.²
 W. D. Atchley, 1913.²
 D. D. Nicholas, 1914.²
 F. M. Underwood, Rockwood, 1915¹
 J. R. Kennedy, Louisville, 1916.¹
 O. C. Kinley, 1917.²
 W. F. Roberts, 1918.¹

F. M. Fessenden, 1919.²
 O. L. Thompson, 1920.²
 W. W. Lowry, Riceville, 1921.
 P. W. Evans, Kingston, 1922.
 John H. Simpson, Knoxville, 1923.
 John Farmer, 1924.²
 M. F. Miller, Chattanooga, 1925.¹
 John Gray, Greeneville, 1926.¹
 P. M. Keeble, Knoxville, 1927.¹
 J. G. Hoback, Athens, 1928.²
 C. G. Mathews, Nashville, 1929.¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Abner Reed, Chattanooga, 1926

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Sam T. Briggs, Kingston, 1928.

I. N. Wakefield, Nashville, 1929.

TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1929, 50. Posts, 6]

Department commander----- JOHN SHEARER,¹ Houston.
Senior vice department commander----- J. C. McWHIRTER, Fort Worth.
Junior vice department commander----- W. A. McKINISON, Denison.
Assistant adjutant general----- J. S. EWING, San Antonio.

REPRESENTATIVE

S. E. Wertz (at large), Denison

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie, 1885.²
 O. T. Lyon, 1886.²
 W. H. Sinclair, 1887.²
 J. C. De Gress, 1888.²
 A. G. Malloy, 1889.²
 A. K. Taylor, 1890.²
 M. W. Mann, 1891.²
 O. G. Peterson, 1892.²
 J. W. Park, 1893.²
 R. M. Moore, 1894.²
 W. W. Bostwick, 1895.²
 G. W. McCormick, 1896.²
 Ed. N. Ketchum, Galveston, 1897.
 W. F. Conner, 1898.²
 John Roach, 1899.²
 Charles B. Peck, 1900.²
 P. B. Hunt, 1901.²
 C. C. Haskell, 1902.²
 John H. Bolton, 1903.²
 John L. Boyd, 1904.²
 E. A. Russell, 1905.²
 H. W. Harvey, 1906.²
 L. L. Whitaker, 1907.²

T. M. Wright, 1908.²
 Calvin R. Hubbard, 1909.²
 J. S. Dunlap, Dallas, 1910.
 W. S. Kretsinger, 1911.²
 E. P. Brown, 1912.²
 Sidney Tuttle, 1913.²
 Robert McCormick, Dallas, 1914.
 C. S. Brodbent, San Antonio, 1915.
 C. A. Cahoon, 1916.²
 M. B. Young, 1917.²
 Anson Miller, 1918.²
 Edward Loomis, San Antonio, 1919.
 Max Hart, Houston, 1920.³
 G. E. Allgaier, 1921.²
 R. P. Cooper, Dallas, 1922.
 W. H. Blake, Dallas, 1923.
 John Buchanan, San Antonio, 1924.
 John Shearer, Houston, 1925.¹
 D. L. Wagner, 1926.²
 L. D. Daggett, San Antonio, 1927.
 F. J. Yingling, Dallas, 1928.
 A. W. Robbins, San Antonio, 1929.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Z. T. Sisson, Houston, 1928

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1929, 47. Posts, 4]

Department commander----- ELIAS PRICE,¹ Salt Lake City.
Senior vice department commander----- IRA STORMES, Salt Lake City.
Junior vice department commander----- A. VAN PATTEN, Ogden.
Assistant adjutant general----- C. W. A. SCHNELL, Salt Lake City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas, 1883. ²	E. T. Hulaniski, 1905. ²
Ransford Smith, 1884. ²	B. M. Sperry, 1906. ²
H. C. Wardleigh, 1885. ²	Alford Kent, 1907. ²
Elijah Sells, 1886. ²	R. G. Sleater, 1908. ²
Eli H. Murray, 1887. ²	Lucian H. Smith, 1909. ²
Nathan H. Kimball, 1888. ²	T. C. Lundy, 1910. ²
Henry T. Snyder, 1889. ²	A. B. Lawrence, 1911. ²
Henry Page, 1890. ²	J. W. Brown, 1912 (died in office).
Frank Hoffman, 1891. ²	Frank H. Hall, 1912. ²
James R. Elliott, 1892. ²	Reuben Oehler, 1913. ²
J. W. Greenman, 1893. ²	N. A. Heath, 1914. ²
T. C. Iliff, 1894. ²	H. G. Rollins, 1915. ²
C. O. Farnsworth, 1895. ²	N. D. Corser, Salt Lake City, 1916-17.
M. M. Kellogg, 1896. ²	J. C. A. Warfield, Sawtelle, Calif., 1918.
T. C. Bailey, 1897. ²	C. W. A. Schnell, Salt Lake City, 1919.
N. H. Ives, 1898. ²	Ezra D. Haskins, American Fork, 1920-21. ²
M. M. Kaighn, 1899. ²	A. Van Patten, Salt Lake City, 1922.
M. A. Breeden, 1900 (see California and Nevada). ²	W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City, 1923-25. ³
Rudolph Alf, 1901. ²	L. L. Hudson, Salt Lake City, 1926-27.
W. M. Bostaph, San Leandro, Calif., 1902 (see California and Nevada).	W. R. Smethers, Ogden, 1928.
F. H. Clark, 1903. ²	Elias Price, Salt Lake City, 1929.
Henry P. Burns, 1904. ²	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

W. H. Otterbach, Provo, 1929

VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1929, 318. Posts, 41]

Department commander----- W. W. HOLDEN,¹ Northfield.
Senior vice department commander----- W. T. REED,¹ St. Johnsbury.
Junior vice department commander----- H. S. POWERS, Lyndonville.
Assistant adjutant general----- H. P. HUNTER, Brattleboro.

REPRESENTATIVES

C. H. Emerson (at large), Lancaster, N. H.¹ A. N. Clark, Bennington.²
 Fred McIntire, Brandon.¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster, 1869. ²	W. L. Greenleaf, 1885. ²
W. W. Henry, 1870-71. ²	G. T. Childs, 1886. ²
W. G. Veasey, 1872-73. ²	P. D. Blodgett, 1887. ²
Stephen Thomas, 1874-75. ²	H. E. Taylor, 1888. ²
T. S. Peck, 1876-77. ²	A. S. Tracy, 1889. ²
J. H. Goulding, 1878-79. ²	Z. M. Mansur, 1890. ²
G. W. Hooker, 1880-81. ²	D. L. Morgan, Rutland, 1891. ²
A. B. Valentine, 1882-83. ²	H. Henry, 1892. ²
C. C. Kinsman, 1884. ²	G. W. Doty, 1893. ²

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

VERMONT—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

C. F. Branch, 1894. ²	C. M. Ferrin, Essex Junction, 1911.
B. Cannon, jr., 1895. ²	A. A. Niles, 1912. ²
N. M. Puffer, 1896. ²	Thomas Hannon, Bennington, 1913. ²
E. W. Jewett, 1897. ²	Edward Baker, Montpelier, 1914.
L. B. Harris, 1898. ²	George P. Martin, 1915. ²
F. G. Butterfield, 1899. ²	H. C. Streeter, 1916. ²
U. A. Woodbury, 1900. ²	C. T. S. Pierce, 1917-18. ²
J. H. Lucia, 1901. ²	A. T. Woodward, 1919. ²
R. E. Hathorn, Ludlow, 1902.	L. W. Bush, 1920. ²
Frank Kenfield, 1903. ²	John R. Wilson, Worcester, 1921. ²
J. E. Eldredge, 1904. ²	Charles H. Cota, Burlington, 1922. ¹
S. H. Wood, 1905 (see Florida). ²	C. H. Granger, Rutland, 1923.
J. A. Sheldon, 1906. ²	C. H. Stone, Fair Haven, 1924. ²
A. C. Brown, 1907. ²	W. W. Martin, Middlebury, 1925. ²
C. E. Beach, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1908 (see Florida).	A. C. Stoughton, Burlington, 1926. ²
A. B. Franklin, 1909. ²	L. P. Butts, North Hyde Park, 1927. ¹
E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center, 1910. ³	W. H. Pierce, Bellows Falls, 1928. ²
C. S. Palmer, 1899, transferred from South Dakota. ²	J. H. Amadon, Waterville, 1929. ¹

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. B. Warner, Essex Junction, 1921.	Charles Young, Rutland, 1926.
R. H. Lindsey, Middlebury, 1924.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. L. Maranville, Burlington, 1928.	A. E. Lamson, Burlington, 1926.
Peter Lander, Burlington, 1928.	

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership, December 31, 1929, 26. Posts, 7]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	CHARLES GRANDY, ¹ Norfolk, Va.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	M. W. WYNN, ² New Bern, N. C.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	CORNELL GARDNER, Norfolk, Va.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	M. N. HIRSHBERG, National Soldiers' Home, Va.

REPRESENTATIVE

Armistead Johnson ¹

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton, 1874. ²	W. Whitcomb, 1893. ²
William H. Appenzeller, 1875-76. ²	J. G. Fulton, 1894. ²
William Ryder, 1877. ²	James E. Porter, 1895 (see Pennsyl- vania). ²
R. G. Staples, 1878. ²	H. W. Weiss, 1896. ²
Richard Bond, 1879. ²	James W. Stebbins, 1897. ²
A. B. Hurlburt, 1880. ²	James M. Davis, 1898 (see Pennsyl- vania).
W. Hervey King, 1881. ²	John W. Rutter, 1899. ²
P. T. Woodfin, 1882-83. ²	A. B. Heistand, 1900. ²
B. C. Cook, 1884. ²	Peter Morton, 1901. ²
H. De B. Clay, 1885-86. ²	C. D. Grew, 1902. ²
John W. Woodman, 1887-88. ²	H. M. Haas, 1903. ²
R. P. Wheeler, 1889. ²	J. C. Fowler, 1904. ²
N. J. Smith, 1890. ²	Isaac Powell, 1905. ²
H. D. Nichols, 1891. ²	
Edgar Allen, 1892. ²	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

D. R. Wilson, 1906 (New York City) (see New York).	Charles H. Haber, 1910–1927 (died in office).
A. A. Hager, 1907. ²	Charles Grandy, Norfolk, Va., 1928–29.
Thomas Fogarty, 1908. ²	
Frank M. Work, 1909. ²	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

H. W. House³

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1929, 475. Posts, 29]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	W. W. Work, ¹ Olympia.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	C. E. Bartholomew, Spokane.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	George Thornton, Yakima.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	R. A. McNair, Olympia.

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

George Wick (at large), Dayton. ¹	R. W. Black (at large), Spokane. ¹
J. F. Pickerill, Seattle. ¹	A. D. Rollins, Yakima.
Scott Stephens.	C. H. Finley, Retsil.
T. F. Coley, Seattle. ¹	F. A. Alexander, Bellingham.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, provisional, 1878–82. ²	George H. Boardman, 1908.
George D. Hill, 1883. ²	Lyman Banks, 1909.
H. A. Morrow, 1884. ²	W. H. Wiscombe, 1910 (see California and Nevada). ²
A. M. Brooks, 1885. ²	F. H. Hurd, Seattle, 1911. ²
C. M. Holton, 1886. ²	R. R. Harding, 1912. ²
A. P. Curry, 1887. ²	J. E. Stewart, 1913. ²
J. W. Sprague, 1888. ²	H. R. Gale, Bremerton, 1914.
S. C. Cosgrove, 1889. ²	H. W. North, Everett, 1915.
M. M. Holmes, 1890. ²	J. E. Gandy, Spokane, 1916. ^{1 3}
D. G. Lovell, 1891. ²	John J. See, Pasadena, 1917 (see Cali- fornia and Nevada).
J. Sox Brown, Seattle, 1892.	S. F. Street, 1918. ²
J. F. Sinclair, 1893. ²	A. A. Stevens, Wenatchee, 1919. ²
J. N. Scott, 1894. ²	O. D. McDonald, Sawtelle, Calif., 1920 (see California and Nevada).
Norman Buck, 1895. ²	J. H. Coffman, 1921. ²
C. T. Patterson, 1896. ²	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1922.
J. F. McLean, 1897. ²	W. P. Cragin, 1923 (died in office). ²
George W. Tibbetts, 1898. ²	John A. Harris, Spokane, 1923.
J. W. Langley, 1899. ²	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1924. ²
B. R. Freeman, 1900. ²	William J. Baker, Everett, 1925. ²
H. A. Bigelow, 1901. ²	J. H. Shaw, Spokane, 1926. ²
B. C. Bedell, 1902. ²	Byron Phelps, Seattle, 1927.
T. H. Cavanaugh, 1903. ²	Henry P. Burdick, Tacona, 1928.
F. M. Davis, 1904 (see California and Nevada). ²	Willis Richardson, Bellingham, 1929.
J. T. Goss, 1905. ²	
C. B. Dunning, 1906.	
W. H. Mock, 1907.	

John E. Phelps, 1889, transferred from Missouri.²E. A. Shores, 1912, transferred from Wisconsin.²¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. F. Adams, Walla Walla, 1883-84.	K. T. Allen, Pullman, 1907.
J. H. Smith, Walla Walla, 1885.	B. F. Philbrick, Hoquiam, 1910.
C. H. Stone, Tacoma, 1895.	J. W. Ferguson, Wenatchee, 1911.
W. J. Alexander, Sidney, 1895.	W. L. Boyd, Spokane, 1912.
F. M. Ellsworth, Colfax, 1896.	E. D. Quinn, Yakima, 1919.
D. C. Ely, Chewallah, 1898.	Willis Richardson, Bellingham, 1924.
Thad Smith, Port Townsend, 1900.	W. D. Chandler, Seattle, 1925.
J. T. Sherfey, Everett, 1902.	T. F. Coley, Seattle, 1926.
J. A. Green, Chelan, 1904.	W. W. Work, Olympia, 1928.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. H. Smith, Centralia, 1892.	J. R. Conger, Tacoma, 1908.
W. F. Wallace, South Bend, 1893.	T. H. Ferrier, Ellensburg, 1911.
W. H. Mossman, Chehalis, 1896.	John Huntington, Port Angeles, 1919.
D. T. Welch, Assotin, 1898.	J. T. Murphy, Toledo, 1920.
R. B. Scott, Spokane, 1899.	Enoch Sears, Spokane, 1921.
James Dutton, Sprague, 1901.	A. P. Lawrence, Seattle, 1922.
M. R. Brewster, Bremerton, 1902-3.	W. J. Baker, Everett, 1923.
F. B. Morse, Walla Walla, 1904.	E. E. Emerson, Seattle, 1926.
H. C. Thompson, Pomeroy, 1906.	George Twery, Spokane, 1928.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868; reorganized February 29, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1929, 147. Posts, 8]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	J. T. McCOMBS, Moundsville.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	THOMAS CORDER, ¹ Parkersburg.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	PERRY G. STEALY, Fairmont.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	P. DUNSMOOR, Parkersburg.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. W. Myers, Wheeling.
J. M. Smith, Wheeling.¹

ALTERNATES

Eli Higgins, Moundsville.
Henry Hoefer, Wheeling.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick, 1883. ²	I. M. Adams, 1907. ²
C. B. Smith, 1884. ²	Thomas H. Marks, 1908. ²
John Carlin, 1885. ²	D. Mayer, 1909. ²
G. W. Taggart, 1886. ²	J. L. Caldwell, 1910. ²
Lee Haymond, 1887. ²	Thomas V. Salisbury, 1911. ²
R. E. Fleming, 1888. ²	E. A. Billingslea, 1912. ²
S. S. Hazen, 1889. ²	John M. Millan, 1913. ²
George Walker, 1890. ²	T. G. Hammond, 1914. ²
I. H. Duval, 1891. ²	C. T. Reed, 1915. ²
Charles E. Anderson, 1892. ²	James T. Piggott, 1916. ²
Anthony Smith, Harrisville, 1893. ²	S. R. Hanen, Glen Easton, 1918. ¹
F. H. Crago, 1894. ²	W. T. Cox, 1919. ²
R. E. Lee, 1895. ²	L. B. Moore, 1919. ²
R. H. Freer, 1896. ²	W. S. Grafton, 1920. ²
Thomas A. Maulsby, 1897. ²	H. S. White, Matewan, 1921. ¹
Richard Robertson, Wheeling, 1898. ²	W. S. Clark, 1922. ²
Charles R. LeValley, 1899. ²	T. S. Bonar, Moundsville, 1923. ²
Arnold Brandley, Elkins, 1900. ²	W. W. Rogers, 1924. ²
M. B. Bartlett, 1901. ²	Smith Risinger, 1925. ²
C. C. Mathews, Moundsville, 1902. ²	William Keely, 1926. ²
Alex C. Moore, 1903. ²	P. Dunsmoor, Parkersburg, 1927. ¹
O. H. Michaelson, 1904. ²	W. W. Riley, Point Pleasant, 1928. ²
J. W. Shroyer, 1905. ²	J. T. McCombs, Moundsville, 1929. ¹
Thomas M. Mills, 1906. ²	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1929, 667. Posts, 111]

Department commander----- JOHN H. HELLWEG,¹ Hayward.
Senior vice department commander----- J. D. VERMILYEA, Eau Claire.
Junior vice department commander----- MILTON SELBY,¹ La Crosse.
Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE L. THOMAS,¹ Milwaukee.

REPRESENTATIVES

David Oran (at large), Racine.¹
 E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.¹
 A. S. Morse, Lancaster.
 Henry Eichfeld, Milwaukee.
 W. H. Ellis, Milwaukee.¹
 Albert Pride, Fond du Lac.
 Casper Miller, Osseo.¹
 A. S. Eaton, Superior.

ALTERNATES

Fred Wardrobe (at large), Waukesha.¹
 W. P. Bryant, Sheboygan Falls.¹
 R. W. Thompson, Madison.
 Charles M. Hambright, Milwaukee.
 R. O. Bigford, Fond du Lac.
 J. W. Pepper, Eau Claire.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, 1866.²
 H. A. Starr, 1867.²
 J. M. Rusk, 1868.²
 T. S. Allen, 1869-70.²
 Edward Ferguson, 1871-72.²
 A. J. McCoy, 1873.²
 G. A. Hannaford, Milwaukee, 1874-75.²
 John Hanceck, 1876.²
 H. G. Rogers, 1877.¹
 F. S. Hammond, 1878.²
 Griff J. Thomas, 1879-1881.² (See Nebraska.)
 H. M. Enos, 1882.²
 Philip Cheek, 1883-84.²
 James Davidson, 1885.²
 Lucius Fairchild, 1886.²
 H. P. Fisher, 1886.²
 Michael Griffin, 1887.²
 A. G. Weissert, 1888.²
 L. Ferguson, 1889.²
 Benjamin F. Bryant, 1890.²
 W. H. Upham, 1891.²
 C. B. Welton, 1892.²
 E. A. Shores, 1893.² (See Washington and Alaska.)
 J. A. Watrous, 1894.²
 W. D. Hoard, 1895.²
 D. Lloyd Jones, 1896.²
 E. B. Gray, 1897.²
 C. H. Russell, 1898.²
 Henry Harnden, 1899.²
 S. H. Talmadge, 1899.²
 David J. James, 1900.²

A. H. DeGroff, Oakland, Calif., 1901.
 (See California and Nevada.)
 J. H. Agen, 1902.²
 J. P. Rundle, 1903.²
 Pliny Norcross, 1904.²
 F. A. Copeland, 1905.²
 John W. Ganes, Ripon, 1906.
 John C. Martin, Mineral Point, 1907.
 E. D. Coe, 1908.²
 R. B. Lang, 1909.²
 William H. Crinnell, 1909.²
 Frank A. Walsh, Milwaukee, 1910.^{1 7}
 Hiram J. Smith, 1911.²
 George W. Spratt, Sheboygan Falls, 1912.
 Charles H. Henry, Eau Claire, 1913.
 Samuel A. Cook, 1914.²
 W. J. McKay, 1915.²
 O. L. Rosenkrans, 1916.²
 W. A. Wyse, 1917.²
 George D. Breed, Chilton, 1918.
 Robert R. Campbell, Green Bay, 1919.
 Walter O. Pietsch, 1920.²
 M. L. Snyder, 1921.²
 James F. Carle, Janesville, 1922.
 Alfred S. Eaton, Superior, 1923.
 George W. Morton, Berlin, 1924.
 Henry Hase, Milwaukee, 1925.²
 Henry Stannard, Greenbush, 1926.²
 Henry C. Eaton, Fond du Lac, 1927.²
 G. H. Pounder, Port Atkinson, 1928.¹
 Lloyd D. Sampson, Milwaukee, 1929.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert Boyd, Eau Claire, 1922.
 A. G. Dinsmore, Oshkosh, 1923.²
 Louis Hoberg, Sheboygan, 1925.

Joseph Cooper, Racine, 1926.
 Henry Held, Milwaukee, 1928.
 W. H. Chesbrough, Beloit, 1929.²

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. L. Hooker, Superior, 1929 ¹

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

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Adjutant General Wilfred A. Wether- bee, Newton, Mass.	W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.
Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Sto- wits. Buffalo, N. Y.	Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, Ohio.
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On the death of Past Commander in Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber

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Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.
T. H. Peacock, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Joseph Stoddard, Chelsea, Mass.	

DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, ACCORDING TO DATES OF
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, AS HERETOFORE ANNOUNCED

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois-----	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin-----	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania-----	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio-----	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York-----	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut-----	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts-----	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey-----	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine-----	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada-----	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island-----	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire-----	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont-----	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867--	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina----- As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina May 20, 1892.	July 27, 1871
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized-----	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska-----	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized-----	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized-----	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized-----	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming----- As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming Aug. 28, 1889.	Dec. 11, 1879
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1866; reorganized-----	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware-----	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized-----	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized-----	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon-----	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky-----	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized-----	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota----- As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota Apr. 11, 1890.	Feb. 27, 1883
30	Washington and Alaska-----	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas-----	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico-----	July 14, 1883
33	Utah-----	Oct. 8, 1883
34	Tennessee-----	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi----- As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888.	May 15, 1884
36	Florida-----	June 19, 1884
37	Montana-----	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas-----	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho-----	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona-----	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina-----	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama-----	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota-----	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma----- As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma July 3, 1891.	Aug. 7, 1890
45	Indian Territory----- Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma May 19-22, 1908.	July 3, 1891

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, AUGUST 25 TO 28, 1930

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1930

The Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the ballroom of the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, at 2.15 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, August 27, 1930, Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster, of Worcester, Mass., presiding.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, I want to ask all of those who are not delegates to just please pass out. We haven't chairs enough for our delegates, and we can not get any more. Now remember, there are none but delegates allowed to be in here and seated at the present time. They tell me the room is not large enough to take care—hardly large enough to take care of our delegates, and for that reason I wish you would please vacate.

I want to ask every department commander to investigate the number that he has here, and if there are any of them that do not belong here, that are not delegates, to kindly ask them to go out so that we can get the delegates in here and proceed. If not, we will have to adjourn without doing anything. There must be seats enough here to take care of our delegates.

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Rhode Island, California, Nevada, and New York reported that the seats assigned them were filled with their delegates.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. This is the sixty-fourth annual encampment, and we will now open it by having our chaplain in chief invoke the divine blessing. (Encampment called to its feet by the gavel.)

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON, of Dayton, Ohio. Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy sovereign care and protection, in that Thou didst lead us in the days that were shadowed with trouble and gavest us strength when the burden was heavy upon us, and gave us courage and guidance so that after the conflict we have come to these days of peace.

We thank Thee that the wrath of war has been stilled, that brother no longer strives against brother, and that once again we have one country and one flag. May Thy blessing be upon us as a people, and that we may be Thy people, true and righteous, tender and patient in our charity, firm and resolute for the right, careful more for the downtrodden than for ourselves, eager to forward the interests of every citizen throughout the land, so that our country may be indeed one country from the rivers to the sea, from the mountains to the plains.

Hear us, O God, for we ask in the name of Him who made proof of the dignity and who consecrated the power of sacrifice in His blessed life and death, even in the name of Jesus Christ, the great Captain of our salvation. Amen.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I now declare the sixty-fourth annual encampment open for such business as may properly come before it. We will now proceed and call the roll of officers, including the council of administration.

The roll of officers and members of the council of administration was then called by Adjutant General Wilfred A. Wetherbee and absentees noted.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. The senior vice commander in chief will please take the chair and the gavel.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief CHARLES E. NASON. The commander in chief will now read his address to the encampment.

Commander in Chief Foster then read his address, as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Comrades, one year ago you placed in my keeping the highest honor within your power to bestow, commander in chief of the most beloved organization in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic, and now at the close of my term I am returning to you the sacred trust.

I have given my best to keep our organization at the head, where it has always been kept by my predecessors, and if my efforts have met with your approval I am satisfied.

To-day my year's work has been completed, and I come to you to give an account of my stewardship. I wish to extend to all of you a hearty welcome to this, our sixty-fourth encampment and trust everyone of you may be physically able to enter in and enjoy the festivities being prepared for us by the citizens of this beautiful city of Cincinnati in honor of our third visit.

It is a strange coincidence that 61 years ago the third encampment of our organization was held here, and Gen. John A. Logan was commander in chief. The first encampment was at Indianapolis and the second at Philadelphia. I am going to tell you, comrades, Cincinnati is going to outdo itself this time and that we are going to have the time of our lives.

PENSIONS

I thought I had struck some pretty hard tasks in my life, but I think my committee will agree with me when I say obtaining pensions for our loved ones is the most complicated work there is to-day, because there are so many engaged on the same job and for the same purpose.

I was told by one of our Senators that there were pension bills enough put in; if they were all passed and signed by our President, there would not be enough money in the Budget to pay them. It would take over \$400,000,000 to do it.

On January 16, 1930, I met Chairman Reese in Washington, and after visiting many of the Senators and Congressmen we found so much feeling against the Robinson bill we decided to get up a new bill, which I got Congressman Stobbs to introduce in the House, but

we were unable to get action upon it. In the meantime Senator Robinson introduced his bill in the Senate, and it was passed. Senator Norbeck, of South Dakota, had it recalled for reconsideration, and there it has remained. In the meantime Senator Nelson introduced his bill, which, after due consideration, it was thought advisable to accept, as the President had expressed himself as willing to sign.

The commander in chief is pleased to announce that, through the efforts of the legislative committee and himself, the pension bill known as the Nelson bill has been passed by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Hoover.

The bill provides for every veteran who served 90 days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War and who has been honorably discharged.

Section 1 of the bill increases the rate of pension of veterans from \$65 to \$75 per month.

Section 2 of the bill grants the \$100 per month rate to all veterans requiring the regular aid and attendance of another person; in brief, pensioners receiving \$72 and \$90 will be automatically increased to \$100 per month.

Section 3 of the bill lowers the age limit for widows and former widows to 70 years for the allowance of the \$40 per month rate. The present law provides this rate when they have attained the age of 75 years.

Section 5 of the bill provides that where a veteran is in receipt of a pension, and shown to be entitled to increase at the date of passage of this act, as provided therein, such increase shall be effective on the 4th day of the month next after the approval of the act; where not then entitled, increase to begin when the requisition condition is shown; and where not on the pension roll but entitled under this act, pensions to commence from date of filing application thereunder in the Bureau of Pensions.

This section also provides for a deduction of \$25 per month from the pension of a veteran entitled to the benefits of this act during the actual period he is a resident of the United States Soldiers' Home or a national or State home.

In talking with Pension Commissioner Church, he told me the widows of World War veterans are being paid \$30 per month through the United States Veterans' Bureau, provided the husbands died of a service-connected disability, and that the Pension Bureau has no authority to make any payments to widows of World War veterans. This explains why they were so afraid of establishing a precedent in date of marriage and age limit of our widows. So it made it very hard for our committee to get them to understand our necessity, which is so obvious at the present time. We know the people of our country all feel that the fact of the accomplishments of our war are so far removed from either the Spanish or World War that they must admit that we made it possible for them to have a united country to fight for.

I arranged for a meeting with the Senate and House committees and the heads of all our allied organizations to meet us in Washington, and I am pleased to say that all of them responded, and all acquitted themselves nobly, and I was very proud of every one of them.

We were received by the committee very courteously, and Mr. Nelson, the chairman, told me all of the committee were very profuse in their compliments for the deportment of all our people who spoke for us.

In looking over the names for appointment on my legislative committee, it seemed but fair that the man who had worked so hard last year for pensions should be recognized, so I appointed Comrade and Past Commander in Chief John Reese as chairman, Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, Past Commander in Chief John R. King, and Comrade Dr. Henry A. Johnson. I take great pride in saying no better selection could have been made, all of them thoroughly trained at the business, and with the assistance of our auxiliary; Mrs. Margaret J. Bennet, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, with our allied organizations; Mrs. Mary Lightfoot, representing the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Theodore C. Cazeau, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Hon. Rice W. Means, former Senator and past commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans; Miss Grace Hurd, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans; and Mrs. Helen Downing, representing the president of the Sons of Union Veterans' Auxiliary.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank my committee on legislation, and the president of our auxiliary, and all allied organizations who attended our meeting in Washington, for their splendid efforts in assisting us. I feel they are deserving the gratitude of our veterans and widows for their work, and we should greatly appreciate the prompt action of our President in signing our bill. I am of the opinion we should not, at the present time, ask for further legislation for our comrades, for this reason: They have the privilege of applying for the \$100 per month when eligible by reason of requiring a regular attendant, and I believe there is a desire among our present Congress to be very liberal with our boys, as shown by the unanimous passage of our bill.

It would seem our work is now laid out for us for next year, to get further help for our widows, which only insistence, constant and firm, will bring results, and that is now up to this encampment.

I would recommend that this encampment ask for legislation from Congress granting a pension to all widows who have lived with their husbands 10 consecutive years prior to his death, shall be entitled to, and shall be paid, a pension at the rate of \$50 per month. My reason for making this recommendation is to get away from the question of age and date of marriage, which has for years been a stumbling block.

CORRESPONDENCE

Outside of business communications demanding the consideration of Adjutant General Wetherbee at headquarters at the statehouse, Boston, Mass., the volume of letters received at my home in Worcester exceeded my expectation. They came from all over the United States, and some from across the ocean; from comrades and widows whose appeals were heart-rending, asking for information regarding pensions, and it necessitated the employment of extra help in order to answer, and assure them that our committee were doing all they

possibly could to assist them, and we believed we would have good news soon.

A great many letters were received from comrades regarding the reunion of the Blue and the Gray, which I can positively say to you will not take place this side of the Great Divide.

It would take too much space to print all my correspondence with Commander in Chief R. D. Sneed, of the Confederate Army, and others, as a result of which at their encampment at Biloxi, in May, they voted to have no reunion, and I would advise no further recognition of the question be entertained by this encampment. I have all correspondence on the subject with me, and I will be glad to personally explain. However, I think no further action on our part necessary.

Commander in Chief Sneed said they positively refused to march without their "stars and bars," and I said to him that we positively refused to march with them if they carried them.

To stop the passage of the bill that was introduced asking the Government to pay all expenses of the reunion, I called upon some of the Members of both House and Senate, and told them there would be no reunion and not to pass the bill, and it will not be passed.

OFFICIAL VISITS

If you are desirous of having your commander in chief visit your escampment, get in touch with your adjoining States so as not to conflict with each other in making your appointments. I regret very much that my four calls to Washington came just at the time when I would have enjoyed the call of more of them, but I felt my supreme ambition and duty demanded my first attention in getting our pension bill through. However, I made as many visits as I could arrange for, where I was received with all the honors due me by our comrades and the public, showing the high regard in which the Grand Army is held by the patriotic people of our country. I desire to return my sincere thanks to the following comrades who responded to my call to represent me at encampments:

Adjutant General Wilfred A. Wetherbee.
 Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher.
 Past Commander in Chief J. W. Willett.
 Past Commander in Chief E. L. Hawk.
 Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles E. Nason.
 Junior Vice Commander in Chief James W. Shields.
 Past Adjutant General Frank O. Cole.
 Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief James E. Jewell.
 National Assistant Adjutant General Samuel P. Town.
 Surg. Gen. Edward H. Cowan.
 Chairman of executive committee, William P. Wright.
 Member of executive committee, Henry Clark.

REPORTS OF ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

The reports of the adjutant general and quartermaster general are worthy of your careful consideration, showing a rapid decline of our membership and consequent falling off of per capita tax receipts, and calling for the attention of the encampment at this time.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Through the courtesy of the Department of Massachusetts, we have had two large and finely furnished rooms in the State capitol at Boston, Mass., as our national headquarters, with no expense therefor.

For this fine courtesy and patriotic act the Grand Army of the Republic, through the commander in chief, hereby express his sincere thanks.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Little did we think in 1883, when we gave official recognition to these brave and earnest workers and made them our auxiliary, that they would prove to us their work in time of need as they have done and will continue to do until the taps are sounded for the last remaining comrade who will take with him all but the memory of that great body of men who made it possible for the future to enjoy the richest and the greatest united country in the world.

I wish to renew our often-spoken thanks to them and say "God bless you."

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The members of this organization have proven themselves to be patriotic and earnest workers for the cause which their fathers represent.

They have been very kind to us and we thank them for all they have done and wish for that organization all prosperity in its work.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The name of "daughter" is very dear to all fathers, and we hope the future of this organization may be a happy one and may it grow in members beyond anything yet shown.

We have only kind words and thanks for all—our daughters.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

In my travels over our country I was glad to note the increasing interest manifested by our sons, and I trust they will show a large gain in membership this year.

They should remember their fathers are expecting much from them. Do not disappoint them.

We give to it our best wishes.

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Wherever I have found a live auxiliary I have found good Sons of Veterans camps. Working together in harmony is what counts.

I wish to bring to them our best wishes and thanks for their kindness shown to us.

MY STAFF

To such constant helpers as Adj. Gen. Wilfred A. Wetherbee, who served me as assistant adjutant general during my year as department commander of Massachusetts (I consider that I was fortunate

in securing his services as my adjutant general this year, and I have appreciated his ability beyond words to express); Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, who has for so many years held the office of quartermaster general, and has shown the same zeal and interest during the year just closing; my efficient secretary, Helen A. Phinney, a daughter of a Union veteran, who has been constant and faithful, performing her duties to my complete satisfaction; and to the entire official family I am under obligations greater than I can find words to express.

Whatever has been accomplished during the year has largely been through the kindly advice and constant loyalty of these assistants with whom it has been a joy to labor.

In my Order No. 5 I advised you of my appointment of Comrade George R. Brown, of Post 327, Department of New York, as chief of staff, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Hosley. He is doing splendid work and I am satisfied I made no mistake.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a feeling of sorrow the commander in chief announces the death of his chief of staff, George A. Hosley, who passed away very suddenly May 13, 1930; also it is with deep regret that he announces the passing out of the chairman of the executive committee, Comrade Silas H. Towler, on April 23, 1930.

Both of these comrades have been faithful and zealous workers and will be missed at our gatherings.

I regret very much I have to add another death to my list. August 13 I received a telegram from Sacramento, Calif., informing me of the death of another dear comrade called from our ranks, Past Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk, who filled his term of service with credit to himself and honor to our association. For all three of these comrades let us say—

Sleep, comrades, sleep! The wild terror of battle,
The shout of the victors, the peal of the gun,
The clash of the sabers, the musketry's rattle,
Ne'er more shall awake you—your warfare is done.

Since our arrival in Cincinnati I have received the sad intelligence of the passing out of past commander in chief, our beloved Comrade Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, on Monday, August 25. He has, on account of his disabilities, been unable to attend our recent encampments, but the memories of his splendid comradeship will never fade.

We had 4,278 deaths from January 1, 1929, to January 1, 1930.

The vacant chairs tell sadly they are going—going fast.

IN CONCLUSION

Time waits for no man, and so in a few hours it will advise me that I am "reduced to the ranks" once more, to touch shoulders with my comrades in trying to carry on the good work so much needed in our country to-day.

I feel I have so much to be thankful for to all my comrades. You gave to me the greatest honor any man in this country could receive, and I have enjoyed working for you and our dear widows in our fast-

declining years, trying to bring a little sunshine into the paths we all must tread.

They say absence strengthens friendship when the last recollections were kindly; that this may apply to all of you is my wish.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief NASON. Comrades, you have listened to the address of our commander in chief. I now await your pleasure in regard to the disposition of it.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. The commander in chief is to be commended for his very interesting and splendid address to this encampment, which I presume will be taken care of by the special committee appointed on his address. I therefore move that all the other reports be received as printed and without reading referred to the special committee. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief NASON. Comrades, you have heard the motion that all other reports excepting the address of the commander in chief be accepted as printed and included in the journal. Those in favor of that motion will say "aye." Contrary minded, "no." It is a unanimous vote.

Comrade HENRY BRUNNER, of Georgia and South Carolina. I rise to move that we stand to our feet as a vote of thanks to the commander in chief. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief NASON. You have heard the motion of the comrade. The motion is that in recognition of our appreciation of the work of our commander in chief that the encampment rise to their feet, and if that is your mind you will please do so. It is a unanimous vote.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander in chief, I am informed that the chairman of the entertainment here, Comrade Robert C. Bunge, with some of his associates, awaits your pleasure ready to enter here and desires to speak a few words to this encampment.

Commander in Chief FOSTER (resuming the chair). You will please have him come right in. My dear comrade and associate for the past several weeks, because it is with this gentleman whom you see before you to-day that I have been working and who is responsible for our being here to-day. I say that to you and I want to introduce to you a man who has passed through troubles that some of us were used to, and worse than many of us have, in the World War. He has been shot to pieces, but he don't look it to-day. I know it, and therefore it is with a great deal of honor, and I really consider it a great favor, to be able to introduce to you to-day Captain Bunge, who has been so faithful to us since we have been here.

Capt. ROBERT C. BUNGE (general chairman of the encampment). Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish from the bottom of my heart that I had the power by sleight of hand to change myself into two people. The first that would appear before you would be a man in civilian clothes; and the second would be a man in uniform talking to you as a soldier to a soldier.

As a civilian I say to you, your commander in chief, his staff, and all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the happiest thing a citizen of Cincinnati could be called upon to do is to help run this

convention for you and try to make you happy. In the name of the citizens' committee of Cincinnati I say to you this: I trust that our small efforts have borne the fruit of pleasure to you, and that you will leave Cincinnati knowing us much better than you knew us when you came here. That alone is my word of greeting as the general chairman of the citizens' committee of Cincinnati.

And now I want to talk to you as one soldier to another. I do not think that anything in all my life has made me feel deeper than when I saw you pass the reviewing stand this morning. I received a message. The message perhaps came from that spirit that you have built in the last 64 years of your encampments. I realize that somebody must take up the sword and carry on; that your ranks are fast thinning; that somebody with a sincerity of purpose in a heart that pumps nothing but American blood must take up the problems of pure Americanism.

I stand before you now and I accept that trust in the name of the World War veterans. [Applause.] And in their name I promise you this: Wherever a single word of disloyalty is spoken, we will fight; wherever a single thought of disloyalty takes place, we will kill; wherever this communistic spirit raises its slimy head among our citizens, we will cut it off. [Applause.]

Never has any man been privileged to accept a trust of this kind before. I realize now more than ever that you can not carry on very long. I trust that when we take up this burden as you lie in your graves that your rest will be peaceful because you will know that your work goes on.

I want to say this to you: Just as sure as your hosts in the past have made this a country for 100 per cent Americans, just so sure will we keep that trust that you have established. If it ever comes to a time when other than Americans shall rule this country, then and only then do I promise you to destroy that thing which you have built up. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I feel quite sure that we can all agree with the captain on that point that he brought up here. I want to say to you now that you people who had the opportunity of being down at the music hall on Monday evening had the opportunity of hearing some pretty good speaking there. Now I am not saying that for me; I am saying it for those who preceded me; and therefore I am pleased to introduce to you again one that we thought so much of down there that I am pleased that he is going to say a few words to us to-day, and that is Mr. Licht, president of the chamber of commerce of this city. [Applause.]

Mr. WILLIAM LICHT. Commander Foster and gentlemen of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I came here to-day expecting in a rather formal way to extend to you the official greetings and felicitations of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, of which I happen to be president. I would much rather be privileged to stand here and simply render to you a salute and then to retire in silence.

Captain Bunge, who has just spoken to you so impressively, has been the general chairman of the committee of arrangements and has been responsible for the details of this encampment. He has done a notable job. As president of the chamber of commerce it has been my part to do nothing more than back him up and to help

him with such assistance as the chamber was able to give in order that the arrangements might be made complete.

I came here with the intention of expressing to you the hope that these arrangements have met with your satisfaction; that the deliberations that you may have occasion to indulge in will be concluded satisfactorily to the majority of you at least. And yet, after this morning's demonstration, I feel that such expressions are rather out of place and I wish I could say something sufficiently solemn to express my feelings at this moment, but I find myself at a loss.

When I got home last night at a late hour for having been on duty at various places during the day, I took down again from the mantelpiece in my home the sword of my grandfather, who was a captain in the Thirty-second Indiana Volunteers, and I read the inscriptions upon the scabbard of that sword. They began with Rowlett's station in 1861 and ended with the march to the sea. And on that scabbard were engraved, "Corinth, Shiloh, Stony Creek, Missionary Ridge, and Chickamauga." Having read those things, I felt that I, though a civilian and not having been privileged to be a soldier like Captain Bunge, owed to the memory of that grandfather every bit of energy that I had and every bit of will that I had to carry it further. And I promise to you likewise as a civilian to do my part in maintaining the standards of Americanism to which you have dedicated yourselves. [Applause.] And with that purpose in mind it is only a small thing to have given some effort toward the success of this encampment.

If there is anything that we have failed to do, please advise us. I do more than hope that you will be satisfied; I pray that you shall be satisfied with our humble efforts. [Applause.]

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander in chief, there is at the outpost a delegation from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. They say I am wrong, so I always accept that. Representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Mrs. Blanche Beverstock, president of the Federated Patriotic Societies. There has been an error made in stating that these are our daughters. They are the auxiliary of our Sons of Union Veterans, they tell me now, and we shall be very glad to hear from Mrs. Beverstock.

Mrs. BLANCHE L. BEVERSTOCK, of Keene, N. H. Commander in Chief Foster and all comrades of the Grand Army, this is indeed an honor to come here to-day and extend to you the greetings of our national organization of the Sons of Union Veterans' Auxiliary. It is a wonderful heritage which you have handed down to us. Your example of loyalty is something which we as a younger generation should follow and carry on.

Commander in Chief Foster, we appreciate the courtesies which you have extended to our national president, and she asked me to extend to you her personal greetings and to wish for you the best encampment possible.

Miss KATIE CARR, of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief Foster, as our national organization feels so near to you and they think so much of you and Mrs. Foster, we want you to have something to remember our organization in your encampment in Cincinnati, and we give you these flowers. The flowers will fade and die, but the vase, we trust, you will keep in your home and will always remember the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Mrs. FLORA WHITNEY, of Worcester, Mass. Commander in Chief Foster, my old neighbor right in Worcester, I am certainly proud to come here to-day from Worcester and bring to Comrade Foster, commander in chief, my own personal greetings. It is the proudest moment of my life to come here and extend these greetings to you. Comrade Foster is a personal friend of mine, and his wife is very dear to all of us in Worcester. I will not take up any more of your time, but wish you all success in what you take up in your legislation in the next two days. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I will just take the opportunity to say to our auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans, and I am glad to say that I am also a member of the Sons of Veterans, that I appreciate very much your coming here to-day and presenting these flowers, and I assure you that it will please me to have you take back with you the best wishes not only of my own self but of all of our old boys for your future work. I thank you.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Now, commander in chief, I will say that the Daughters of Veterans are here.

Mrs. ESTHER SCHOOLEY, president Abraham Lincoln Tent, No. 14, Daughters of Union Veterans, Cincinnati. Commander in Chief Foster and members of this distinguished organization, as president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Tent No. 14, Cincinnati, Ohio, it is a double pleasure that this afternoon I have been permitted to bring greetings to you, our fathers.

I want to say to you that we are proud of you and that we know that as long as there is a daughter left that the history shall be told to our children, and they in turn to theirs, and generations yet unborn shall tell it to their heirs. We are glad to be here and bring you greetings from this loyal organization of women, your own flesh and blood, your children.

And truly, comrades, who could be any nearer or any dearer to you than your own Daughters of Veterans? I am glad to-day that through my veins flows the blood of the loyal men of 1861 to 1865, and the very sight of all these heads of white thrills me at this very moment and makes me more proud of the heritage that has been mine.

I do want to emulate the things for which you have stood. I do want to practice in my daily life those sacred principles for which you fought. But to say that we are loyal, true daughters is not enough. To say that we will stand by our Government and our flag and offer our lives and be sorry that we only have one life to give is not enough. But may I say to you at this time that I am glad that I am an American citizen; that—

There is no land like my land
Beneath the shining sun;
There is no flag like my flag
In all the world—not one.

One land, one tongue, one people—
To one flag be loyal and true:
No red shall wave o'er my fair land
Without the white and blue.

Commander Foster, in behalf of this loyal organization of 8,000 loyal daughters from the State of Ohio, I present to you this beautiful basket of flowers. May your encampment be the best that you have ever had; may the years of your life be the sweetest; may the

declining years of your life be the happiest. May we assist you in plucking the thorns and strewing the roses, making your pathway through life easy and light. We are your daughters, comrades, and shall perpetuate your sacred memory as long as there is a loyal daughter in these United States. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I will ask Past Commander in Chief Willett to respond.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief. Daughters of Union Veterans, in behalf of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic I greet you. There is no other question or subject in connection with the present history of the Grand Army of the Republic that is nearer or closer to my heart than the status of the Daughters of Union Veterans. I feel in the extreme that they are our sheet anchor for the future, and to that end I have worked faithfully to bring about the extreme tender rapprochement that now exists between the Grand Army and their daughters, and in that behalf I greet you with exceeding pleasure and tender to you in response to your greetings the greetings of this assemblage of noble men, comrades, your fathers. [Applause.]

(The Betsy Ross Quartet, of Canton, Ohio, then sang "Beautiful Ohio," which was heartily applauded.)

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander in Chief, we have now a delegation from the Army and Navy Union.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Ladies, we are glad to receive you.

JOSEPHINE EAGAN, of Ohio. In behalf of the Army and Navy Union, Department of Ohio, ladies auxiliary, I present to you this token and wish to extend a cordial greeting from the Department of Ohio; and we wish your convention to be a harmonious and successful one.

Mrs. MAITHER, of Ohio. Commander Foster and all of the comrades, I wish you the greatest convention you have ever had. My grandfather, too, was one of your boys, and my husband is a Spanish-American War veteran. So you see the blood that runs through my veins.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Ladies, take back to your association our very kindest regards, and I thank you very much for calling on us to-day.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Now comes the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Admit them. Ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. WALKER, of Cincinnati. Being the president of the auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Clem A. Beckman Post, and the granddaughter of a G. A. R. man, John Smith, of Illinois, and the wife of Comrade Walker, of the Spanish-American War, I wish to extend these greetings to you to-day, and wish you many more happy encampments [presenting flowers].

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I want to say to you that we thank you very much for calling upon us to-day and bringing us this beautiful basket of flowers, and take back to your dear camp our best wishes.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Now comes a delegation from the Union Veterans' Legion, No. 18.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Admit them. How do you do?

LOUISA GATES, of Cincinnati. Commander in chief and all the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege to address an audience like this. My father was a Civil War veteran in the One hundred and sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but I am awful sorry to say that he just passed away and is not able to be here to-day. I bring you greetings from Union Veterans' Legion, No. 18, which is composed of wives, mothers, and daughters of Civil War veterans. I wish you a successful convention, and I hope that your stay in Cincinnati will be so pleasant that you will want to come back again. I thank you. Accept this basket of flowers from the Union Veterans' Legion with their greetings.

FLORA BALLONGER, of Cincinnati. Commander in chief and boys of the Union veterans, I greet you. I am pleased to be among you. I am not fortunate enough, though, to be a daughter of a veteran. I am a niece of three uncles who served, and glad to report that. I wish you welcome to our city.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Hold on a minute. I have got a word to say to you. I want you to carry back to your Union Veterans' Legion—I want you to carry back to them that the commander in chief had a boy with them over there, had a son, and that I appreciate your coming here very much to-day, and I know that all of our boys appreciate it because we are looking ahead and hoping that the time will come some day when all of our organizations will be united. I thank you.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander, we now have a delegation from Harry C. Egbert Auxiliary, No. 11, of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. How do you do, Auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans? We are glad to have you with us. Now, step right here where they can hear what you have to say [indicating microphone].

INA EMSICKE, of Cincinnati. Commander in chief and comrades of the G. A. R., I bring you greetings from Harry C. Egbert Auxiliary, No. 11, of the United Spanish War Veterans. We welcome you to our city and hope that your encampment will be a successful one and your stay with us happy. We also are daughters of Civil War veterans. My father long ago passed away. We know what you suffered to preserve our country and our flag; and again I greet you and trust this time next year there will be very few missing, if any. I know that when the summons comes you will be as ready to answer to your Maker's call as you were your country's. Our only regret is our president, Mamie Wee, is critically ill and could not be here, and I, as department aide and patriotic instructor of the Harry C. Egbert Auxiliary, No. 11, have taken her place. I thank you, comrades.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Ladies, I wish you would take back with you to your auxiliary our very best wishes and say to them that we thank you again for coming here to-day and bringing flowers to us, showing your memory for our dear old boys.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander, that, I believe, concludes all of our visitors at the present time.

Comrade J. E. GANDY, of Washington and Alaska. I desire to make a motion. I move that it is the sense of this encampment that the chairman of the citizens' committee and the president of the

chamber of commerce accept the thanks of this encampment for the noble work they have done in preparing for us here in this encampment. I move that now.

Comrade CHARLES W. BLODGETT, of Ohio. I would like to add to that motion. There has been no harder work done than by Miss Amy V. Pace and her assistant, Miss Ethel Rubin, of the chamber of commerce. They have always been ready to see anybody, and I would like to have them included.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It is out of order to bring that motion up now, because our committee on resolutions will attend to all of that, and I will guarantee that it will be well done.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. The following departments have not passed in your nominations for members of the council of administration or your committee on resolutions. I will read them, and then you are requested to pass them in at once: Alabama, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina. Those are for the committee on resolutions. For the council of administration: Maine, Texas, and West Virginia.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, will you please attend to that just as soon as you can so as to get them in and have no delay when we get to work to-morrow morning.

What is your further pleasure?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. These committees must be filled at once, especially on resolutions, for the reason that that committee must meet this evening so as to report here to-morrow. So please attend to your duties, as I have called your names, and send them right up to me at once.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. I would like to make a motion that all resolutions presented by comrades be referred to the committee on resolutions without reading.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Is that seconded? [Motion seconded.] You have heard the motion, and it has been seconded, that all resolutions reported shall be handed in without reading. All those in favor of that manifest it by saying "aye." Contrary "no." Unanimous.

I don't see the names coming up here very rapidly. Bring them up, comrades, so we can get along.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. As there is a little lull in the proceedings, I want to call to your attention, as I have done from year to year, the services of a good friend of our order. Mr. Roderick J. Cant from year to year leaves his very important business, a very large manufacturing plant, to come out here and arrange the signs for these various States. Now, you know he has been handicapped for space and he has done the very best that he could, and for that I move that the thanks of this encampment are due and are given to Mr. Cant for this work. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the motion that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Cant for his kindness in arranging our seating, and for not only that but help in the office, I will add. It has been moved and seconded that we give him a vote of thanks. All in favor of the motion signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is unanimous and so declared.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. In order to expedite business, I move that the nominations for officers of the

national encampment be made this afternoon, and that it be made the first order of business voting on them to-morrow morning. [Cries of "No!"]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Do you want me to put that motion? [Cries of "No!"] You withdraw it.

Just as soon as we get the names of the committee on resolutions, who are going to be with us, we will announce the time of the meeting of the resolutions committee, when the meeting will be held.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Let's have what we have and confirm them and go on.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. I move that the committee on resolutions and council of administration be submitted to the encampment for acceptance.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Is that motion seconded?

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I have not made it yet.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Wait a moment. What do you want to say?

Comrade CONEY. Commander in chief—

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have the floor. What do you want to say?

Comrade CONEY. My motion is that we make the election of our officers at 10 o'clock to-morrow a special order. [Cries of "no."]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I do not hear any second.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. If you will ask these comrades who are discussing some question to go outside, we can hear a great deal better.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Commander in Chief, I move you that the lists presented for the council of administration and the committee on resolutions be put before the encampment for acceptance now, without waiting for those to come in. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion, and it has been seconded, that the council of administration and also the committee on resolutions be put to a vote now and not wait for all of them to come in. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor say "aye." Contrary, "no." It is carried unanimously.

Now we will call for the names of those who have been elected on the council of administration.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. There are four or five names that have just been passed in, and they are being copied onto the paper; and while they are doing that I will read a couple of announcements that are here, and then we shall have those read and given out in full—that is, all that have come in.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Proceed.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. We have here a communication from one of the best friends that the Grand Army has, and that is the mayor of the city of Boston:

EDWIN J. FOSTER,

*National Commander in Chief, Grand Army Encampment,
Cincinnati, Ohio.*

DEAR COMMANDER: Upon the assembly of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in national encampment I pray you will extend them my affectionate salutation and greetings. The Grand Army of the Republic comprises members of a militant Army and Navy who saved our Nation from dissolution, established the principles of human freedom for all men within

our country's borders, and for 65 years has presented the greatest appeal for American patriotism known in the history of our land. May God bless you, one and all.

JAMES M. CURLEY, *Mayor*.

I just want to say in regard to Mayor Curley, at the time we had our encampment there, when we talked about expense he said, "The sky is the limit," and we had all that we asked for, and he has been teasing us to have you come there again, but not yet.

Now, I will read the list that has already been presented for council of administration.

(The list as read, with corrections made from the floor during the reading, is as follows:)

Council of administration

Department	Name	Residence
Alabama	George Hoenig	Cullman.
Arkansas	Cos Altenberg	Little Rock.
California and Nevada	William H. Noll	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	Halsey M. Rhoades	Denver.
Connecticut	Adrian P. Sloan	Hartford.
Delaware	Moses Weil	Wilmington.
Florida	M. W. Strong	St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina	Henry Brunner	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho	S. H. McCullough	American Falls.
Illinois	William P. Wright	Chicago.
Indiana	David N. Foster	Fort Wayne.
Iowa	Oley Nelson	Slater.
Kansas	W. W. Nixon	Jewell City.
Kentucky	M. H. Davidson	Louisville.
Louisiana and Mississippi	John Wright	Vicksburg.
Maine	N. W. White	Portland.
Maryland	George Prechtel	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	James H. Webb	Boston.
Michigan	Albert Dunham	Lansing.
Minnesota	T. H. Peacock	Minneapolis.
Missouri	John Ferguson	Iberia.
Montana	J. R. Goss	Billings.
Nebraska	David Jack	Peru.
New Hampshire	Joseph Willis	Woodsville.
New Jersey	William O. Allen	Newark.
New York	M. V. Stone	Jamestown.
North Dakota	Charles Cotter	Fargo.
Ohio	Emmett F. Taggart	Akron.
Oklahoma	A. C. Sims	Oklahoma City.
Oregon	Gideon Stolz	Salem.
Pennsylvania	W. F. Hambright	Lancaster.
Potomac	John Middleton	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	Samuel A. Wheldon	East Providence.
South Dakota	H. P. Carson	Huron.
Tennessee	F. M. Underwood	Knoxville.
Texas		
Utah	William L. Goodsell	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	John A. Amadon	Waterville.
Virginia and North Carolina	Charles Grandy	Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska	J. E. Gandy	Spokane.
West Virginia	J. K. Gordey	New Martinsville.
Wisconsin	E. B. Heimstreet	Lake Mills.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. I move that the comrades whose names have now been read be made the council of administration for the Grand Army of the Republic for the coming year.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the motion. All those in favor will say "Aye." All contrary, "No." Carried, and so recorded.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Now comes your committee on resolutions.

(Following is the list of the committee as read, with the corrections made from the floor during the reading:)

Committee on resolutions

Department	Name	Residence
Alabama	Frank McCloud	Mobile.
Arkansas	W. B. Brown	Bauxite.
California and Nevada	Chas. H. Haskins	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	Lewis H. Easterly	Gunnison.
Connecticut	Henry J. Seeley	Bridgeport.
Delaware		
Florida	C. E. Beach	St. Petersburg.
Georgia and South Carolina	J. W. Howder	Fitzgerald, Ga.
Idaho	James W. Shields	Boise.
Illinois	Henry B. Davidson	Springfield.
Indiana	John H. Hoffman	Ligonier.
Iowa	James W. Willett	Tama.
Kansas	Patrick H. Coney	Topeka.
Kentucky	T. H. Casey	Dayton.
Louisiana and Mississippi	E. A. Robinson	Amelia, La.
Maine	C. E. Nason	Portland.
Maryland	John R. King	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Waldo Turner	E. Weymouth.
Michigan	Fred Gill	Saginaw.
Minnesota	S. R. Van Sant	Minneapolis.
Missouri	A. M. Reynolds	St. Joseph.
Montana	Chas. Angus	Livingston.
Nebraska	John Reese	Broken Bow.
New Hampshire	Joseph Willis	Woodsville.
New Jersey	John H. Conger	New Brunswick.
New York	Lewis S. Pilcher	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	A. W. Parmenter	Drake.
Ohio	J. S. Kimbrough	Wilmington.
Oklahoma	R. L. Johnson	Tonkawa.
Oregon	Wm. M. Colvig	Medford.
Pennsylvania	Louis F. Arensberg	East Millsboro.
Potomac	F. J. Young	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island	S. F. Fisk	E. Providence.
South Dakota	W. A. Thompson	Huron.
Tennessee	Capt. Nelson	
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah	Elias Price	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	L. Porter Butts	North Hyde Park.
Virginia and North Carolina		
Washington and Alaska	T. F. Coley	Seattle.
West Virginia	H. S. White	Matewan.
Wisconsin	W. H. Chesbrough	Beloit.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Sir, the list has been read.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Commander, I move that the list of the committee on resolutions be elected as read.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion. All those in favor of the motion say "Aye." Contrary? Carried.

Comrades, I will appoint Past Commander Pilcher as the one to organize that committee on resolutions and indicate the time when they will meet.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. I thank you for this honor. We will call a meeting of the committee on resolutions at general headquarters to-night at 8 o'clock. Is that heard distinctly? To-night at 8 o'clock at general headquarters on the mezzanine floor in this hotel.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. What is your further pleasure?

Chief of Staff GEORGE R. BROWN. At the outpost, Commander in Chief, there is a delegation of ladies of the Grand Army.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have called on us.

Mrs. MARTHA J. VAN DUZOR, past national president, Chicago. Our national soloist will sing for us.

Mary G. Caldwell, of Pittsburgh, Pa., then favored the encampment with a selection.

Mrs. VAN DUZOR. I take great pleasure in presenting to you as the spokesman of this afternoon for the ladies of the Grand Army, Clara N. Sawyer, past national president.

CLARA N. SAWYER, San Diego, Calif. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it certainly is one of the joys of my life to stand before you and to bring to you the loving greetings of the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

We assure you with regret that business requires that she remain at her post, but it is our duty always to respond when called upon, just as you men responded to the call of Abraham Lincoln. And, comrades, we have to-day viewed your wonderful parade and we are thankful to God that so many of you have been able to participate as you did in walking through the streets of this beautiful city of Cincinnati. You have given to the younger generation of this city the greatest object lesson they can ever have; and I fully believe that the citizens of Cincinnati, from their actions in every way, respond to this wonderful inspiration which you bring to them.

Commander in Chief, in addressing you and in clasping your hand—it is one from Massachusetts—we greet you and we hope you have a wonderful convention and that we shall meet in many.

To our commander in chief and yours, in behalf of the widows of the Civil War veterans, I wish to express the gratitude of that body of women for the magnificent work and effort which you have put forth in their behalf, and whenever it is necessary for us to appeal to our congressmen in your behalf we are always ready. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief, I present to you the badge of our convention from our national president, with her love and esteem.

Mrs. CAMILLE ELLIOTT, of Nebraska.

Bring me my old knapsack, Mary,
 And my uniform of blue;
 Bring me my pewter helmet also,
 For I'll need them all to-day.
 Get my canteen and my leggings,
 Reach me down my rusty gun,
 For I'm goin' out paradin'
 With the Boys of Sixty-One.

Never mind that bloodstain, Mary;
 Never mind that ragged hole;
 It was left there by a bullet
 That was seeking for my soul.
 Just brush off the cobwebs, Mary,
 And get my flag—red, white, and blue—
 For I'm goin' out paradin'
 With the Boys of Sixty-Two.

These old clothes don't fit me, Mary,
 Like they did when I was young.
 Don't you recollect how neatly
 To my manly form they clung?
 Oh, never mind that sleeve that's empty;
 Let it dangle loose and free,
 For I'm goin' out paradin'
 With the Boys of Sixty-Three.

Pull this sword belt tighter, Mary;
 Fix this strap beneath my chin.
 I've grown old and threadbare, Mary,
 Like my uniform—and thin.
 But I reckon I'll pass muster,
 As I did in days of yore,
 For I'm goin' out paradin'
 With the Boys of Sixty-Four.

Well, I'm ready, Mary—kiss me!
 Kiss your sweetheart good-by.
 Brush away those tear drops, Mary—
 Why, I didn't think you'd cry.
 I ain't going out to battle;
 Cheer up, Mary! Sakes alive!
 I'm just goin' out paradin'
 With the Boys of Sixty-Five.

[Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Past Commander in Chief Van Sant will please answer.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Commander in Chief, ladies of the G. A. R.: What a name to conjure with! You are a part of us, and the better part at that. Long after the G. A. R. boys are gone you will carry forward the name. I know that I express the wish of every old comrade here that you may continue the work for many years to come, and that you may all live long in the land the valor of these old men helped to save.

Mrs. VAN DUZOR. We thank you.

Comrade GEORGE L. THOMAS, of Wisconsin. I move that we now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year [cries of "No!"] and that the nominating speeches——

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I would say to the comrade that we are not ready to do that to-night. The adjutant general will read the names of those who have been appointed on committees.

Comrade JOHN N. STEWART, of Illinois. If that motion was to proceed with nominations, I second the motion. His motion was to

proceed with the election. If it is to present the candidates I will second the motion.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Now, comrades, give me your attention and I will read the names on the committees which have been appointed for several purposes.

Committee on commander's address—Past Commanders in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher, John R. King, and Samuel R. Van Sant.

Committee on reports of other officers—Comrades James C. Thomas, of Illinois; M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky; and Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

To them will be given the duty of reporting on the reports of all the other officers that are in print. They are on the committee to report on the adjutant's and quartermaster's report and also all other reports as printed.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the names. Now, I hope you will get together on those committees just as soon as you can do so and get this out of the way to-night, and then we will be able to start in in the morning and get through in very good season so it will please all of you, because I know the reason that the boys have been bringing up this last motion was in order that you might get through, and I want to help it along. So now make your reports just as soon as you can get together on these.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander, there has been a letter addressed to Col. U. S. Grant, 3d, passed in here thinking that he might be in this hall.

Quartermaster General COLA D. R. STOWITS. He was here, but he has gone.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. His presence should have been reported to the Commander in Chief and then we would have been glad to have invited him to the platform. Does anyone know what hotel the colonel is stopping at?

Comrade CHARLES COTTER, of North Dakota. When does the council of administration meet?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. The council of administration does not meet until after the new commander is elected and then he will tell you where he wants to meet you.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That will be to-morrow.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. Commander in Chief, is there anything further? If you have nothing more on the table, I would move that we proceed to the matter of selecting the place of our next national encampment.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion, which I will entertain, and that is, that we proceed to the selection of the place for our next encampment. All those ready to recommend that please say "aye." Opposed "no." It is carried.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. There is a delegation of ladies here from the Spanish War Veterans, Department of Ohio. I would suggest that they be admitted at this time.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We will receive them and then we will proceed with the other work.

MARY FRANK, past department president of Ohio. Commander in Chief, distinguished guests, and comrades, it gives me great pleasure to come to you to-day with greetings from the Department of Ohio

Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans. We are grateful for what you have done for our Nation and it gives us more pleasure than I can tell to have you with us in Ohio. We are proud of our State and we hope that you will be able to come back to see us again. In behalf of the Department of Ohio of the United Spanish War Veterans I will ask you to accept this little greeting of our love and best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention. Thank you.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I thank you. I wish you would take back to your boys and say to them that I am awful glad they sent you over here to-day.

Mrs. FRANK. Mrs. Peterson has lost her voice. She can not talk.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You are the first lady I ever saw in my life that lost her voice.

Comrade OLEY NELSON, of Iowa. The question is now on the selection, as I understand, of the place for holding our next encampment?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Yes, sir. Proceed.

Comrade NELSON. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, last year I was delegated by the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa to go to Portland, Me., and give an invitation to come to Des Moines in 1930. But the delegation of Cincinnati outvoted Des Moines at the time. I made the motion to make Cincinnati a unanimous vote, and also I told them at Portland that I would be in Cincinnati in 1930 and give the same invitation to come to Des Moines in 1931. [Applause.]

I have here with me the official invitation from the mayor and the council of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, and also from the Greater Des Moines Committee of Iowa. Over 300 men—business men of the city of Des Moines, Iowa—have extended to me and to you their felicitations and inviting you to come in 1931.

I have here, Comrades, from the Governor of the great State of Iowa a letter with a special invitation for you to accept this invitation. I shall not attempt to read it in full. But I have a secretary from the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa who will give you any information that would be of interest to you to come to Iowa and Des Moines in 1931. I will have the pleasure of introducing to you the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Des Moines, George Hamilton.

(Following are the communications referred to by Comrade Nelson:)

AUGUST 18, 1930.

Mr. EDWIN J. FOSTER.

Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MY DEAR MR. FOSTER: As mayor of the city of Des Moines. I take pleasure in informing you that the city government of Des Moines officially extends to you an earnest invitation for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Des Moines in 1931.

I am inclosing you copy of the resolution unanimously passed by the city council and which matter was presented to us by Iowa's distinguished Civil War veteran, Oley Nelson, of Slater, Iowa.

Trusting this invitation will receive an affirmative response, I am,

Very truly yours,

PARKER L. CROUCH, *Mayor.*

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
Des Moines, Iowa.

STATE OF IOWA,
County of Polk, City of Des Moines.

I, John A. Hamborg, city clerk of said city, hereby certify that at a meeting of the city council of said city of Des Moines, held on August 18, 1930, among other proceedings the following was adopted.

No. 1891. *Be it resolved by the City Council of Des Moines, Iowa*, That the city of Des Moines, capital of the State of Iowa, which sent her gallant sons to the battlefields of 1861-1865, extends, once more, a cordial invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its annual national encampment in 1931 in this city.

The survivors of the war that preserved the Union may rest assured of a welcome befitting a city and State which are as proud of their record in war as in their achievements in the hours of peace.

The city of Des Moines officially, all civic organizations and her citizenship, individually and collectively, join in this invitation.

The city of Des Moines hopes for a prompt, unanimous and enthusiastic acceptance.

Moved by Crouch to adopt.

Motion carried. Yeas: Bane, Blaise, Budd, Mathis, Crouch. Nays: None.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

JOHN A. HAMBORG,
City Clerk.

THE GREATER DES MOINES COMMITTEE (INC.),
Des Moines, Iowa, August 21, 1930.

HON. EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Care of Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR MR. FOSTER: On behalf of this committee—some 300 of the leading business firms of Des Moines—we take pleasure in extending through you to the Grand Army of the Republic a most cordial invitation to again make Des Moines the place for your encampment in 1931.

Des Moines remembers with the greatest of pleasure the magnificent meetings of your organization held here in 1922 and again in 1926. No national convention has ever been held in Des Moines that elicited one-half of the enthusiasm, the hospitality, and the love of the people of this city as has the coming here of your splendid members.

It will be indeed a pleasure and an honor to the capital and metropolis of Iowa to again have here the veterans of the great Civil War; and you can rest assured that if you decide to come here every effort will be made to care for and entertain you.

Very truly yours,

ALEX FITZHUGH, *Executive Director*.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF IOWA,
Des Moines, August 18, 1930.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: Through my good friends Col. Oley Nelson, past department commander, and George Hamilton, secretary of the convention bureau of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Iowa, I want to extend a cordial invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold their 1931 national encampment in the city of Des Moines.

You may be assured of the cooperation of the city and State in every way possible.

Believe me, with high personal regards, sincerely yours,

JOHN HAMMILL, *Governor*.

GEORGE E. HAMILTON, secretary of the convention bureau of the chamber of commerce, Des Moines. Commander in Chief, national officers, and comrades, I know of no honor that could be conferred upon me that I would appreciate more than the privilege at this time of extending to the Grand Army of the Republic in behalf of the city of Des Moines a most earnest and cordial invitation to come to us again in 1931.

Now, I am not going to take any of your time. You have got lots to do. I might impose upon your generosity by telling you a lot of things about Iowa and Des Moines. Lots might be said that you would be interested in. Many of you have been our guests before, and if you come again, comrades, we will just try to do a little bit better in 1931.

Since you were with us in 1926 it may be of interest to you to know that Iowa has spent \$100,000,000 in paved roads, so you can all drive in that wish to. Our city of Des Moines has added one very large, fine hotel and many smaller ones, public buildings, and much other equipment that will add to your interest and comfort.

Again we will have the comfort stations and the streets, and big courthouse—but greatest of all I bring to you the cordial spirit of hospitality of our 167,000 people and the two and a half million people of Iowa that hope you will all live and come and see us next year. We will be waiting for you at Des Moines. I thank you all.

Comrade H. E. PAINE, of Pennsylvania. Will your traction company, your street-car company, if we go there, pass every comrade with a badge on—the Grand Army badge, and every affiliated organization, free of charge? You did it once; will you do it again?

Mr. HAMILTON. Comrades, I did not go into detail. I did not mention that. The things that we have done that have pleased the comrades we will be more than glad to do again, and we hope we will fix you up with the passes.

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. In 1848 Minnesota was a part of Iowa. When she came into the Union she cut out that portion, and that portion has now become a great State. And the State of Minnesota unanimously seconds going to Des Moines this year. I am so filled up I am almost excited about it. Every man who has been to that city knows what a reception we have had, and to us in Minnesota and to all of you it will be like going back home again. So I suggest that we go there by all means this year, where we will all receive a most cordial welcome.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Are there any other invitations?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander in Chief, we have got a list of them sent in by letter, but I do not hear anybody arising here to support them. If you want them I will read them.

Comrade A. C. ESTABROOK, of Michigan. Commander in chief and comrades, we have an invitation from Grand Rapids by letter, several letters from all the patriotic societies and the authorities in Grand Rapids, which I would like to have the adjutant general read. We have an invitation from Grand Rapids that I have handed up to the adjutant general to be read. I suppose that he will read it. I would like to ask him to read the letters now from Grand Rapids. We have a man here also to urge the acceptance of the invitation.

Of course, I am not a speaker, and I would leave it to the adjutant general and the man from Grand Rapids.

Adjutant General WETTERBEE. The first one that was received was this one:

AUGUST 16, 1930.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: Our fair city is again desirous of entertaining the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I am writing you just a line as a former national commander of the American Legion and a citizen of Grand Rapids to tell you how welcome you will be when you come. If there is anything I can do to assist you in arriving at a decision in the matter, please call upon me.

With all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours.

JOHN G. EMERY

EDWIN J. FOSTER, Esq.,

*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
State House, Boston, Mass.*

Here is another one from the Morton Hotel, in Grand Rapids. I will read it.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
July 26, 1930.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED,
Duluth, Minn.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS: The Morton Hotel management, in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau, extends an urgent invitation to your organization to meet in Grand Rapids in 1931.

We know that one of the requisite factors, in your contemplation of a convention city, is adequate, first-class hotel accommodations for your delegates. The city of Grand Rapids is fortunate in this respect, as our hotels rank with the leading hotels of the country and we can offer ample accommodations for large gatherings.

The Morton Hotel has 400 clean, comfortable rooms, each with bath, and moderately priced. The hotel is new and of fireproof construction, and its location is ideal for all convention purposes.

Our dining rooms and cafeteria have gained a reputation, of which we are justly proud, for good food and service, at very moderate prices.

We hope that you will come to Grand Rapids and that we will have an opportunity to help you enjoy your visit here.

Yours very truly,

MORTON HOTEL Co.,
A. A. FROST, *Manager.*

Here is one from the mayor's office.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Grand Rapids, July 25, 1930.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS: As the representatives of Grand Rapids' 180,000 citizens, we take great pleasure in joining with the Grand Rapids and Michigan members of your organization in a most cordial invitation to hold your 1931 annual convention in Grand Rapids. "The Furniture Capital of America."

We are sure that your convention will meet with the same success which has attended many other national conventions which have been here. Because of the central location, the ease with which Grand Rapids can be reached from all parts of the country, and because we have excellent hotel accommodations and facilities for your meetings—Grand Rapids is the logical city for your 1931 convention.

You will have the complete cooperation of our civic and commercial organizations in helping to make the arrangements for your convention, and we shall be pleased to assist in any way that will contribute to the success of your convention or the pleasure of your delegates while in our city.

Yours very truly,

JOHN D. KAREL, *Mayor.*
GEORGE W. WELSH, *City Manager.*

Here are two more of similar purport. One comes from the Pantlind Hotel and the other from the Grand Rapids convention bureau.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Is there anyone here that wishes to talk upon this question?

Chief of Staff GEORGE R. BROWN. Mr. Ted Beecher, of Grand Rapids.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We are ready to hear you upon the question of Grand Rapids.

Mr. BEECHER. Officers and delegates to the Grand Army encampment at Cincinnati. Grand Rapids would like to extend an invitation to your encampment for the year 1931. I judge that you all know what Grand Rapids is or has been to you. We have a city of 169,000. most home owners. We will have at the time of your next convention a large auditorium seating 8,500 people, which will be at your disposal, and we would like to have this national encampment of the G. A. R. dedicate that building. It is one that we raised by bond issue and voted on April 7, and we expect to have as fine an auditorium for your convenience as any city could have. We have ample hotel facilities for a town four times our size, which are all within a radius of four blocks. I judge that those who have been to Grand Rapids know what Grand Rapids can and will do for you, and it will be a pleasure to have you there in 1931. I wish to thank you.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I have here also an invitation from the city of Decatur, Ill., but they are talking here—they mention in here that they thought it would be a nice place for us to be on our last round. Now if you want me to read this and tell you how quick you are going to die—[Cries of "No!"]

There is one more from Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce. I will not read it. It is not official, but something that has come in and I have told you about it.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in chief and comrades, just a word. We yield to no city, even twofold greater than the city of Des Moines, for hospitality. We have served you within the recollection of most of those in attendance here tonight. I observed that neither of the speakers in advance of myself as regards the invitation from Des Moines has mentioned the financial matter; nor have the other fellows.

We have, and did have last year when we yielded to Cincinnati, \$15,000 appropriated by the legislature good for 1930 and 1931. Unless we spend that money in 1931 it will be covered back into the treasury, and we want to spend it for you. [Applause.] We have a guaranty from the city of Des Moines of \$10,000 more, or to the sky if you will, to entertain you boys in 1931, and we want you to come there. If Grand Rapids wants it later on, why we will be for Grand Rapids. But as it now stands, unless we get a chance to use the appropriation and the funds in sight, we will have to wait until we can have some more donated at a later period, and we don't want to. We want you while you are in the vigor of your mature strength, and we want you to come next year.

Let me say just one more word. I want to call your attention to the fact that down in the city of Des Moines in the heart of the city

there are 6,000 rooms in hotel capacity, and since you were there in 1926 there is a new hotel with 300 rooms and every one of them with a bath, and if you don't want to use one of those baths we have got the forks of the Coon River and the Des Moines River that you can go down and bathe in. We have an auditorium that will seat 10,000 and another one that will seat 3,500—all at your disposal without any fee or reward.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Are there any more to offer a proposition for our meeting next year? If I do not hear any more, I will declare that closed.

Comrade G. H. POUNDER, of Wisconsin. I move, Commander, that we accept the invitation of Des Moines to go there next year. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It has been moved and seconded that we accept the invitation to go to Des Moines next year. Are you ready for the question? [Calls for the question.] All those who are in favor of that motion [calls for a rising vote] signify it by saying "aye." Contrary? It is unanimous.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. The members of the committee on resolutions will remember that you have a meeting to-night at the national headquarters in this house at 8 o'clock.

Comrade ALVIN C. HOWES, of Massachusetts. I ask the question, Commander in Chief, if the time has been fixed to which we adjourn to-morrow.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. No.

Comrade HOWES. I move, Commander in Chief, that this encampment, when it does adjourn, adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That is not debatable. All those of you who are in favor of adjourning until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning manifest it by saying "aye."

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. You say we are going to adjourn?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Not yet.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. When we do adjourn, that it be to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. All those in favor of that say "aye." Contrary? It is carried. We are not adjourned yet.

Comrade WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, of Illinois. I move we do now adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. A motion has been made that we now adjourn. All in favor of that—

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. We don't want to adjourn. [Cries of "No!"]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. What is it?

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. We should nominate the officers. The ballots must be printed.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You don't have to nominate them to-night.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. They don't have to be printed.

(Whereupon, at 5.10 o'clock p. m., the encampment stood adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1930

MORNING SESSION, 9.10 A. M.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, I hope you will get seated just as soon as you can, so we can proceed to business. Please get seated in the back part of the hall as soon as possible. Every comrade please be seated at once, so we can proceed with business.

Comrades, I am pleased to see so many of you here this morning, and now we want to get right through the business as soon as possible, because I know it is not very pleasant. It is warm in here for you.

I will commence by calling for the reports of our committees. This is a continuation of our meeting of yesterday. The adjutant general will now read the names of the committees—the appointments.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. The committees on the commander's address and the reports of other officers have already been appointed—were appointed yesterday. Also the credentials committee. The auditing committee has also been appointed and attended to their duties. The committee on rules and regulations was appointed in general orders, but in case any of them have forgotten they are on that committee I will read the names: David N. Foster, Indiana; Wilbur F. Henry, Missouri; Jacob Secrest, Ohio; W. H. Cheseborough, Wisconsin; and Lyman A. Gilbert, Michigan. Of that committee, Comrade Foster is the chairman.

Committee on greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps: Past Commander in Chief Louis F. Arensberg, of Pennsylvania; W. A. Talbott, of Ohio; and Robert W. Hill, of New York.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, of Minnesota; Alvin C. Howes, of Massachusetts; Wilbur F. Henry, of Missouri.

Sons of Union Veterans: Past Commander in Chief John R. King, of Maryland; Alfred Stacey, of New York; and Ira R. Wildman, of Connecticut.

Daughters of Union Veterans: W. W. Work, of Washington and Alaska; John Conkie, of Colorado and Wyoming; John Hellweg, of Wisconsin.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: John P. Risley, of Iowa; H. B. Davidson, of Illinois; and William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Army nurses: Comrade J. King Gibson, chaplain in chief.

Chief of Staff GEORGE R. BROWN. There is a delegation of the Woman's Relief Corp wishes to be admitted.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Those to be named now are committees to prepare memorials for those who have passed away—of our leading comrades—during the past year, to be inserted in the journal.

Memorial committee for Past Commander in Chief Inman: William P. Wright, James C. Thomas, and H. B. Davidson.

For Past Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk: William H. Noll, John C. Chapman, and Herman L. Judell.

For our comrade who passed away this week, Past Commander in Chief Saltzgaber: Comrades J. King Gibson, Jacob Secrest, and Charles W. Blodgett.

Committee on memorial for George A. Hosley, our chief of staff, who passed on: Henry Clark, Joseph Stoddard, and Henri Batchelder, of Massachusetts.

For Comrade Silas H. Towler, past junior vice commander in chief, past adjutant general, a comrade who was ever ready to do everything in his power for the benefit of our organization: Past Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, Past Commander in Chief Ell Torrance, and T. H. Peacock.

These comrades whose names I have just read are requested to prepare these memorials and send them to me at Boston as soon as possible. A page will be given to each one of these names that I have mentioned, and I ask these committees to be prompt in their action so that I may not be delayed in getting out the journal. These committees are independent of the committees that have been named to prepare resolutions to be presented here. This is a matter for a memorial page going into it far deeper than just the mere resolutions that will be presented here to-day. If I read somebody's name over who was not on the committee to prepare resolutions do not think you are left out. This is another committee entirely, with a special duty.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Present the ladies.

Chief of Staff BROWN. Commander, at the outpost the ladies of the Relief Corps are in waiting.

(A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, consisting of Mrs. Margaret J. L. Bennett, national president, Flo Jamison Miller, national secretary, Mrs. Lenette Foster, Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. J. King Gibson, of Ohio, was escorted to the platform.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We have with us ladies representative of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I am now going to present to you their president, Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. BENNETT. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Comrades: It is indeed a great privilege and pleasure for me to come this morning from your auxiliary and extend the greetings of 165,000 women who are ready and at your service at all times. [Applause.] I say that we have merited the honor conferred upon us when in Denver you made us your auxiliary, and I am not going to take up any of your valuable time because I have very, very much to do in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic in my own organization.

I want to have elected in my organization to-day, your auxiliary, the very best representative women we have to serve as national officers with your commander in chief, the man of your choice, to represent and guide your ship of state until we meet another time in another place; and the very best we have is what we will give to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

I am going to ask my national secretary, Flo Jamison Miller, to read that report, and I wish to personally thank the commander in chief and his staff this year for the appointment of Flo Jamison Miller, past national president for 32 years, elected in the city of Cincinnati, and my national secretary, that hers was the honor to be



MARGARET J. L. BENNETT
NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

appointed to carry on the work and keep green the memory and the graves of your comrades sleeping in the southland. We feel it a great honor that you have confidence enough in one of our members to ask her to take up this work where you are laying it down. I promise you for Flo Jamison Miller that you could not have gotten anybody that would be more faithful in this duty, both to see that every grave is decorated and that the funds coming from the Grand Army of the Republic for this work will be used to the very best advantage.

I want to say, comrades, a word to you concerning your commander in chief. He is the salt of the earth, with a heart that is full of gold. [Applause.] I have walked with him this year and I have counseled with him this year, and I admire him and love him more to-day than I did a year ago when we were both elected to these exalted positions. And if he did not do a thing else for you I want to tell you this morning of his untiring efforts in Washington, D. C., for the increased pensions for the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the widows of the comrades. [Applause.] He worked faithfully and well. You put your trust in one who has measured up to your expectations. I know, and there is no one knows better than I, how hard he worked at this. I wish to extend my congratulations to him personally at this time for every effort put forth, and as we are interested in you all, it makes me very happy to congratulate you, and that we were able to do just that little bit to help your commander in chief gain this increase in pensions.

I could just talk for a week, and I could tell you of the wonderful letter that I received from the London branch of the Grand Army of the Republic across the seas, and how appreciative they are of the work of your commander in chief, but I must be brief, and so I will ask my secretary at this time to read the report of the Woman's Relief Corps for your consideration. I thank you, Commander.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now, comrades, I have just listened, because I had to, to the great eulogy on myself, which was unexpected. I have done my duty and that is all that I was asked to do.

I am going to present to you now a lady whom you all know. She does not need any introduction because she is one of the live wires along the lines that I am working in myself—and that is patriotism and Americanism. I have the pleasure to present to you now our old friend, Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller.

Mrs. MILLER. Commander and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and friends standing around: I want to say that I have always been taught that it is money that counts and money that talks. Our national president has extended the felicitations to you. She wants me to tell you some of the things we have done just this past year, and if it is true that it is money that talks, I feel sure you will realize the fact that we have been busy this year, because we have been working.

We have received during the year new members—12,022 new members—but our ranks have been depleted by 4,192 deaths. You will realize that that is quite a number.

We have expended just in one year for the relief of soldiers and soldiers' families, \$11,733.21; relief to members not related to soldiers, \$6,662.50; relief estimated, other than money, \$307,325.90;

Spanish War soldiers, \$7,664.32; World War soldiers, \$4,552.13; for soldiers' homes, \$5,203.55; orphans' homes, \$926.84; Civil War nurses, \$913.57; Child welfare, \$3,371.62; scholarships, \$2,997.39.

On the 30th of June we had on hand in our various funds the following amounts:

General fund	\$6,000.49
Permanent fund	9,444.63
Southern memorial fund	985.07
Army nurse fund	1,549.41

And I want to say in connection with this that we have 21 Army nurses in various parts of the country to whom we are sending Christmas gifts. We have 10 that are on a pension of \$10 a month which they receive from the Woman's Relief Corps every month.

Victory fund	\$977.62
Scholarship-loan fund	951.02
Grand Army relief fund	91.71
Child-welfare fund	301.41
Emergency fund	2,716.16
Americanization	52.13
National defense	123.95
Headquarters	.24

Total of all funds in our treasury on the 30th of June----- 23,344.73

Don't you think we have got enough to start anything? That is what we are doing.

I would like to add just this word: Wherever you find the Grand Army you will find the Woman's Relief Corps standing at their back. My father was a soldier, and so we know nothing but the real loyalty to Government. In addition to the relationship of our members to soldiers we are the only patriotic organization in the world that bases its membership on loyalty to the Government. We believe in being loyal to the Government. We believe that the relatives of soldiers should be, if they are not, loyal to the Government.

And so in behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps and in behalf of the national president, who has asked me to make this report, I want to say to you that we are standing by your side, and when in the camp on high each soldier passes over you will find that we are still there wanting to do what you want us to do and to meet your demands.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, on this committee I see the Mrs. Commander in Chief, who has been with me for quite a number of years. We have got along very nicely together, and I am going to just present her to you. I don't know whether she is any talker or not, but I think she will say something to you.

Mrs. FOSTER. Comrades, it is certainly a great, happy pleasure to come and look into your faces this morning. We have had a most wonderful year. It has brought so much joy and pleasure into my commander in chief's life as well as my own. I can not begin to tell you, and we shall recall the memory of this happy year with a prayer—"God bless you every one." I thank you.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Past Commander in Chief Willett, will you please respond?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, comrades, the committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, in my experience in life, particularly in my service during what we call the

War of the Rebellion, on the meander line of the great Mississippi and tributaries, we were forced at nightfall, as a rule, to anchor in midstream, and to prevent drifting to the land where we might be surprised by a land force of the enemy, we threw out a kedge anchor—that is to say, after the main anchor was dropped and pulled taut by the stream and the weight of the vessel—we threw out a kedge anchor to the right or left, as the case required, in order that we might hold our position in the stream and not drift into the hands of the enemy unaware.

So it is that as we are marching forward in midstream; we have thrown out our kedge anchor, which we have been able to do since the financial marital relations between the Grand Army of the Republic and the splendid patriotic auxiliary of the Woman's Relief Corps. This simile, I think, should suffice. We are aware of the fact that without their assistance we could not long endure as an organization. They are our financial kedge anchor, and not only because of that fact but because of their inherent merit and lovable character, we bide a wee and hope and pray that you may ever prosper. [Applause.]

Chief of Staff BROWN. At the outpost in waiting are the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Admit them.

(Whereupon a committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, composed of Miss Clara F. Hoover, past national president; Mrs. Grace Dow, president Massachusetts department; and Mrs. Jennie Mathieson, president Wisconsin department, was escorted to the platform.)

Miss HOOVER. Commander in Chief Foster, past commanders in chief, all our good friends here, and comrades, I come to you this morning bearing the greetings and the love of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.] It would be superfluous for me to tell you who the daughters are and what they stand for, because we represent the things that you have taught us all our lives.

The duty to our country and duty to God that caused you to offer yourselves a living sacrifice on the altar of your country is what you have trained in us from our earliest infancy. That simple creed of honor and integrity breathes a patriotism that is the bulwark of any nation. We have had the inestimable privilege of working with you, talking with you, and loving you all our lives, and we would be unworthy the heritage that is ours did we fail in our obligation to preserve your memory, to uphold the Constitution, and to keep unstained that flag that you saved. [Applause.]

We are ready to do anything that you want us to do. We will anticipate your wants if we can, but we are not all mind readers, so you will have to tell us just what you want. For that old couplet was never truer than it is to-day:

That a daughter's a daughter,
All the days of her life.

[Applause.]

The Grand Army of the Republic is marching on and the heavens reflect the glory of the banners we are bearing, but we know that the

hosts of the Grand Army of the Republic triumphant are watching over and guarding us as they have for the past more than half a century.

Commander in Chief Foster, on behalf of the daughters I am going to present to you these flowers—just a bit of brightness that we hope will give you a happy day, and we want you and all your comrades to be with us and to have many, many happy days.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I thank you. Mrs. Dow, president of the Massachusetts Department of the Daughters.

Mrs. Dow. Comrade Foster and all comrades of this convention, I am not here to make a speech. My good Sister Hoover has done that. I am here simply—I have the privilege, Comrade Foster, of bringing to you in your convention the greetings from the Massachusetts Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It has long been my ambition to be privileged to come to a convention of the Grand Army. I never aspired to come to a national; department, I thought, was the highest I might ever get. But when our own comrade, our own Father Foster, from Massachusetts, became your commander in chief, it then became my privilege to come into his convention and to present to him, from the Massachusetts Daughters, this little token of their love.

May sunshine and happiness come to you in your convention. May everything go just so smoothly and so well, and the day end all in happiness. Now, may I speak to Comrade Wetherbee?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Yes; sure.

Mrs. Dow. Comrade Wetherbee, to you, from the Massachusetts Department of Daughters, comes this little token, with all their love for you, with happiness and success in this day in convention. We will see you at home in our own convention.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I wish you would please carry back to all of the daughters my love and great respect and thank them for this little token. I don't know what it is but I will find out later. Give them all my love and tell them that we are looking forward, just as they are, to seeing them continue to grow.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Sister Grace, this is unexpected, but I thank you, and you can tell the girls that when we get home I will tell them all about it.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Past Commander in Chief Reese will respond to you for a few moments. Past Commander in Chief Reese will respond to the daughters.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN REESE. Our daughters, my daughters, we appreciate your kindness and your work that you have done for us, and we know that when we pass beyond that you will continue to serve our comrades that are left, and our country, as you have been in the past. And we know that you will grow and live when we are passed. But we have the confidence you will carry on the work that we have begun when we leave off, and our country will be much better for your service. We thank you for this token of friendship that you have brought to us. Carry back to your organization our best wishes for your happiness in the future as we wish it at the present. Thanking you, we bid you good-by, and we expect to see you again. [Applause.]

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander in Chief, there is one other organization here, and they want to entertain you for a moment. It is the Betsy Ross Quartet [applause], the official quartet of the Ohio Department, G. A. R. Here they are. Let them warble.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Ladies, we are glad to greet you, because you always have something to cheer the boys up.

(The Betsy Ross Quartet, of Canton, Ohio, consisting of Mrs. P. D. Bennett, Mrs. William Watterson, Mrs. L. C. Myers, and Mrs. W. K. Lambright, then sang "Tenting to-night" and "The old Grand Army boys." Both numbers were enthusiastically received.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I want to present George S. Geis, national commander of the Eighth Army Corps, Philippine and China Veterans, just for a few words.

Mr. GEIS. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: When we met in Cuba two years ago your commander in chief, John Reese, sent to us a representative with greetings in the person of Sarah Ehrman, president of the Federated Patriotic Societies. We stand to the Spanish War Veterans as your organizations stand to this. Our members include the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In other words, our membership is mainly composed of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of Spanish War Veterans. About 90 per cent of the members belong to the United Spanish War Veterans. A large percentage belong to the Sons of Union Veterans. Many in the American Legion belong to us.

As we followed your leaders, Merritt, Miles, Chaffee, Otis, and Lawton in the Philippines and China, those later World War veterans followed our leaders, Pershing, March, Harbord, Bullard, and others who served with us in the Philippines. For that organization I bring greetings to the national encampment, and I have come from Washington and Baltimore to be here and meet my friends of the Grand Army, comrades of my father, who was one "who fights mit Sigel."

I want to thank Past Commander in Chief Reese for sending his representative down to Cuba, where we had a wonderful reception.

At the Indianapolis encampment I brought you greetings of the national association of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and you will see that in your proceedings.

At the 1927 national encampment I pledged to you the united support of the Eighth Army Corps, Veterans of the Philippines and China Expedition, 80 regiments that served across the ocean in the Philippines and China—the Western States volunteers, the Twenty-third Regulars, Artillery, Cavalry, and the Twenty-sixth to Forty-second United States Volunteers.

How well they have fought with you for your pensions and are still fighting for the widows and orphans only your commander in chief knows.

We are pledged and bound to you in many ways. At Gettysburg, Pa., when we met 25 years ago, I was senior vice commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. I can not see when the boys see all those monuments to heroic deeds and hear of Little Round Top and Pickett's charge, and all those names that you comrades of the Civil War made famous, why they do not join the Sons of

Union Veterans. With me, the Sons of Union Veterans comes first, the United Spanish War Veterans second, then the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and then the Eighth Army Corps, which honored me at Philadelphia last week by making me national commander for the ensuing year.

I am glad you are here. I hope, like we said during the war, you will have "a hot time in the old town to-night," and when I go back to the "banks of the Wabash," where I live at Wabash, Ind., I shall tell all of them we had a good time. Thank you, Commander. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I thank you for coming.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. It may be of interest, boys, for you to know a little bit of what some of these organizations of women have done for us at this encampment, so I am just going to read you three items here which will show you that they are standing by us loyally in every sense of the word. From the Woman's Relief Corps we have received a check for \$2,500. [Applause.] From the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who are working hand and nail for us all the time, \$2,500. [Applause.] And from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary, \$500. [Applause.] So you see we have got some friends in camp yet. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, there is one little thing. You will pardon me if I take just a moment of your time. I have a lot of my staff here who were not present when they presented to me this beautiful badge, for which I understand you had offered a very important part, and therefore I want to thank each one of you, and I would like to have each one of you that are on my staff come and shake me by the hand and look at this badge. It is a beautiful thing and I shall prize it so much, boys, when I am in the rear rank, and I shall think of you boys and remember you with so much love, and therefore I want to shake every one of you by the hand and thank you for this beautiful emblem—whenever you meet me, after we are through the convention. Senator Vice Commander in Chief Nason, will you take the gavel?

Senator Vice Commander in Chief NASON (assuming the chair). The next order of business is to receive the report of our committee on commander's address.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. Comrades, the report of the committee on the commander's address (reading):

The committee to whom was referred the address of Commander in Chief Foster report that they have considered with care that address. It is to be commended for the fullness and frankness with which it states the objects and events of his administration of the Grand Army of the Republic during the past year. The evidences of his devotion to the interests of his comrades are many. These are accentuated when they are contrasted with the inevitable decline in the strength and in the number of these comrades.

The marked event of the administrative year has been the passing by Congress of a pension bill which has been accepted by the Grand Army as meeting the needs of its comrades better than anything that has preceded it. The labors of the commander in chief in securing this legislation have been great and untiring and deserve the special grateful recognition of his comrades. He calls attention to the one lack in this bill—in its failure to grant to the widows of veterans an amount of pension equal to their needs and merits. The recommendations as to further efforts in this direction should receive the special consideration of the encampment.

Proposals for reunion meetings of Union and Confederate veterans receive reference in a further paragraph, which explains why he advises that no further recognition by the Grand Army of such a proposal should be entertained. It is the opinion of the committee that the stand taken by the commander in chief in this matter is wise, and we recommend its approval by the encampment.

His address indicates a most encouraging degree of strength and ability to take part in the affairs of life by the comrades of the Grand Army, notwithstanding their advanced age. It calls for expressions of deepest and most thankful gratitude.

LEWIS S. PILCHER,
JOHN R. KING,
SAMUEL R. VAN SANT.
Committee.

AUGUST 28, 1930.

Mr. Senior Vice Commander, I move the adoption of this report by the encampment. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief NASON. Comrades, you have heard the motion, which has been seconded, that this report of the committee on the commander's address be adopted. Those in favor of the motion will answer by saying "Aye." The contrary minded will say "No." It is unanimously adopted.

Commander in Chief FOSTER (resuming the chair). Comrades, I thank you. Now, we will proceed to business.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, the committee on resolutions is ready to report.

Past Commander in Chief LEWIS S. PILCHER. I beg pardon, sir. That is my duty as chairman of the committee.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Do you wish to report?

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. If you are ready to receive it.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. The committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The committee on resolutions is ready to submit its report. The meeting was held last evening with a very full attendance. A permanent organization was effected by the continuance of the temporary appointments made by your commander in chief. It is my privilege, therefore, now to submit that report.

I have the pleasure of reporting that the secretaryship was accepted by Past Commander in Chief Willett, with whose assistance we will now proceed with the report.

The first action was upon a resolution demanding adequate widows' pensions, together with pensions to disabled children of Civil War veterans over 16 years of age. This was referred to the committee on legislation.

The second resolution, asking Congress to extend the time limit of the marriage of Civil War veterans at least 10 years to avoid discrimination against them, was likewise referred to the committee on legislation.

At this point I think it would be proper, Mr. Commander in Chief, to make the usual motion which I should have done at the first, namely, that the action of the committee on resolutions should be accepted by the body without further debate, unless objection is made.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Is there a second to that? [Motion seconded.] You have heard the motion. Are you ready for the

question? [Calls for the question.] All those in favor of the motion will please signify their vote by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is carried and so recorded.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The third resolution, proposed by the commander in chief and others, that the rules and regulations be amended so that posts may admit members of the Women's Relief Corps and other allied women's organizations without participation in post proceedings, was referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

The fourth resolution, that the ratio of representation for delegates in departments be reduced to one delegate for 50 members or multiple thereof, was likewise referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

The fifth resolution, that post commanders and past post commanders in good standing shall be admitted as members at large at national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic with all rights and privileges, was referred to the committee on rules and regulations.

The sixth resolution, as regards lynchings throughout the South, with copies to be sent to the President and the governor of each State, was laid upon the table.

Seventh, a resolution proposing that a national memorial building be erected by the Federal Government in Springfield, Ill., was laid upon the table.

Eighth, a resolution that the authorities of the world's fair to be held at Chicago in 1933, and the Federal Government be requested to donate certain privileges to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic through the period of said fair for an encampment and reunion, was laid on the table.

The ninth resolution, that the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic request Federal authorities to locate and build an additional disabled veterans' home in the State of Florida, was laid upon the table.

The tenth resolution will now be read by the secretary.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading) :

That all surviving male nurses who were regularly appointed by the Surgeon General of the Army during the late Civil War, and were recognized as such by the War Department, and who actually served in that capacity for six months in any general hospital, camp, or regimental post, be entitled to the same benefit as provided and specified in existing pension acts conferred upon female nurses of the late Civil War.

That was adopted.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The eleventh resolution, extending congratulations and thanks to Comrade Charles O. Brown for his services in securing the erection of a certain monument, was adopted by the committee. Perhaps it might be well to read that.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading) :

The Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic notes with pleasure the completion and dedication October 15, 1929, of the remarkably beautiful monument in the national cemetery at Memphis, Tenn., to the honor of more than 2,000 Illinois heroes of the Civil War buried there.

This worthy achievement, securing from the legislature \$25,000 for the erection of the monument, was brought to a successful completion by the untiring efforts through a period of five years of Comrade Charles O. Brown, of Oak Park, Ill., commander of Ulysses S. Grant Post of Chicago and past

national patriotic instructor of the Grand Army of the Republic, ably assisted through the years by his wife, Mrs. May J. Brown, and others whose cooperation he enlisted.

To our comrade, Charles O. Brown, therefore, this sixty-fourth national encampment extends its hearty congratulations and thanks for this worthy patriotic work and achievement.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The twelfth resolution, to provide for the better preservation of the battle flags of the Civil War, was adopted. It will be read.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading) :

Whereas many of the battle flags of the Civil War, now under Federal control, are not cared for as they should be, and will soon be entirely destroyed unless steps are promptly taken for their preservation; and

Whereas these flags, which bore so important a part in the struggle to keep our country undivided, can not fail to be of intense interest to the coming generations: Be it

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, in encampment assembled, do most respectfully urge upon the Congress of the United States the passage of a bill, and an appropriation to carry out the object of such bill, to provide for the preservation of the battle flags of the Civil War, that they may be an inspiration to future generations.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. The thirteenth resolution, on certain widows' pensions, will now be read.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading) :

Resolved, That the members of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, this 27th day of August, 1930, thank the Seventy-first Congress and President Hoover for the increase of pensions granted our veterans of the Civil War, for which we are truly grateful.

Whereas the widows of Civil War veterans are receiving only \$30 and \$40 per month, which is not sufficient to procure the actual necessities of life;

Therefore, we are in favor of \$50 per month for all widows of Civil War veterans, provided the widow has lived with her deceased veteran husband for at least five years immediately prior to his death.

The incoming administration is hereby instructed to use every effort with the next session of Congress to secure legislation that will bring this aid to our needy widows.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. We recommend its adoption. The fourteenth resolution, on the characterization of Abraham Lincoln, will be read.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading) :

Resolved, That the characterization of Abraham Lincoln by a man who claims to be a minister of the gospel, in Cincinnati during the week of the national encampment, is hereby condemned by this committee as an unpatriotic act by one whose said calling should raise him above such exhibitions to the younger generations.

[Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. We recommend its adoption. Comrades, if you are ready we will proceed.

It is with sincere sorrow that we note the absence of a comrade who for many years has been a most efficient member of the committee on resolutions from his department, and who as secretary of this committee is so well known to his comrades. He is now lying sick, unable to be here, and we recommend that to Comrade Frank O. Cole, of Jersey City, N. J., should be sent the following telegram :

Your comrades now in session at the national encampment in Cincinnati, Ohio, regret exceedingly that you are unable to be with us. We miss you. Our

sincere wish and prayer to our Great Commander is that you may be fully restored to health, and that another year we may have you with us.

We recommend its adoption. [Applause.]

Now, finally, there was committed to us yesterday the duty of framing a proper resolution of recognition to those who had so much to do with our comfort and joy in this encampment, which will now be read.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT (reading) :

The Grand Army of the Republic, at the close of its sixty-fourth national encampment, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Queen City of the Middle States, during the week commencing August 24, 1930, recognize that, both collectively and individually they have been entertained as the guests of said city in such hospitable manner that they find it very difficult to express their gratitude. The municipal authorities and patriotic societies, the school children and school officials, the police, and Boy Scouts, and the people have done all in their power to make our visit pleasant, and right well they have succeeded. The memories we carry home of your beautiful city and its pleasant surroundings, coupled with the newspaper courtesies extended, will never be forgotten. The patriotic devotion of the people of your city, extended to the Federal veterans during the Civil War of 1861-1865, is still lingering in the memory of the comrades who made their exit from the southland at the close of that war through your borders; and the extreme hospitality of your people in the present hour after the lapse of intervening time is beyond compare. We thank you again and again.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Mr. Commander in Chief, this concludes the report to be submitted from our committee on resolutions. Let me say in conclusion that after many years of experience on that committee, the chairman wishes to say that never has there been a more unanimous or agreeable meeting of that committee. We now move the adoption of the report as a whole. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion. All those in favor signify their assent by saying "aye," contrary "no." Carried unanimously and so recorded.

Comrade WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, of Illinois. Your committee on the memorial to Past Commander in Chief Inman is ready to report, and as we are very busy I move you that it be put into the journal without being read at this time. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion. All those in favor of it signify your assent by saying "aye." Contrary? Carried unanimously and so recorded.

(The memorial to Past Commander in Chief John B. Inman will be found at page 247 of this journal.)

Comrade CHARLES O. BROWN, of Illinois. I am not going to inflict upon you any speech, but I have been personally and pleasantly affected by the passage of the resolution relating to the Illinois monument in the Memphis National Cemetery. I claim the privilege of saying here that but for the efficient work of my good wife through these five years it could never have been done. She has been my secretary, helped to conduct the correspondence, sending out thousands of pieces of literature which made possible the unanimous vote which we secured in both houses of the legislature, and by encouragement when obstacles piled up in such a way as seemed to make it certain that all would be defeated. I ask the privilege that at some moment this afternoon she may be presented to this convention. [Applause.]

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander in Chief, I have also here a report "In Memoriam" of our great Commander in Chief Hawk, and I move that the same action be taken regarding it as was taken on the memorial to Comrade Inman, that it be not read but that it be published in the journal.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion as made. [Motion seconded.] All those in favor will signify their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? Unanimous, and so recorded.

(The memorial to Past Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk will be found at page 248 of this journal.)

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Most of us remember that a very dear comrade of ours, Comrade Ira Dutton, has spent his life on those far-off leper islands of Molokai. It has been our custom from time to time to send him greetings. On one occasion we voted a new flag for him. "Brother Joseph," as Comrade Dutton is known, is now nearly worn out and is in a hospital—I have forgotten where it is [St. Francis Hospital, Honolulu]—but I move you, sir, that the commander in chief wire our greetings and best wishes to Comrade Dutton. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion which has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? Unanimous, and so recorded.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I have here two or three communications. I am going to read one of them, and the rest I suggest be laid over and published in the journal. But I have one here which will interest you (reading):

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 28, 1930.

MR. EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Please accept my sincere thanks for your cordial invitation to be the guest of the Grand Army at its sixty-fourth national encampment in Cincinnati during the week of August 24. I am sorry that I can not have the pleasure of sending an acceptance, but I do want you to know of my appreciation and my best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Following are the other communications referred to by the adjutant general:

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
Lansing, Mich., August 1, 1930.

MR. EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R., Worcester, Mass.

MY DEAR COMMANDER: I wish to express to you my sincere gratitude for your kind invitation to attend the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cincinnati during the week of August 24. It would give me a great deal of pleasure if I might have the privilege of being with you, especially to review the parade on August 27, but I find that it will simply be impossible to leave the State at that time. Be assured of my best wishes for a most successful encampment.

I regret exceedingly that you will be unable to participate in the encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans at Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

FRED W. GREEN, Commander in Chief.

THE AMERICAN LEGION,
Indianapolis, Ind., August 4, 1930.

Mr. EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R., State House, Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR COMMANDER FOSTER: It is with sincere regret that I advise you of my inability to accept the cordial invitation of the Grand Army of the Republic to attend its sixty-fourth national encampment, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, the week of August 24.

As a matter of fact, your letter of July 25, extending me this invitation, was forwarded to me en route, and this reply is going to you from Montana. I will be in the far West during the entire month of August, and will, of course, be physically unable to accept your cordial hospitality.

Appreciating this invitation, and wishing for the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic a very successful encampment, I am,
Most cordially yours,

O. L. BODENHAMER,
National Commander.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23, 1930.

E. J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic.

Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio:

My family joins me in grateful appreciation of your kind telegram and lovely flowers sent your comrade, Elbridge L. Hawk, and we send greetings to you and all his comrades and wish for you a most successful encampment just as he would do.

BARBARA SHELLY HAWK.

NORWALK, OHIO, August 25, 1930.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Cincinnati, Ohio:

The 38,000 Legionnaires of Ohio extend heartiest greetings and sincere best wishes for the outstanding success of your convention. The Queen City proved a great host to Ohio Legionnaires last week and we know will outdo itself for the Grand Army. Our hats are off in a salute of affectionate regard and deep esteem to your gallant members and your great organization.

DUDLEY A. WHITE,
Department Commander, American Legion, of Ohio.

LORAIN, OHIO, August 25, 1930.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, G. A. R. Encampment,
Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio:

Ohio State Council, Order of DeMolay for Boys, 500 Ohio boys now in session at Lorain, Ohio, sends congratulations and best wishes for a successful conclave to the Grand Army of the Republic.

MELVIN J. STICKNEY,
State Scribe.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 25, 1930.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio:

The Hamilton County Association, Thirty-seventh Division Veterans, composed of men who served in the zone of advance during the World War, in annual meeting to-day at the home of its host, Judge Thomas H. Morrow, Cincinnati, felicitate and welcome the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic to Cincinnati for the sixty-fourth annual encampment.

JAMES L. PEASE,
President Thirty-seventh Division.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Those will go into the journal and need no further action. What other committee?

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER, of Indiana. The committee on rules and regulations [reading]:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

FORT WAYNE, IND., August 12, 1930.

COMRADE EDWIN J. FOSTER, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AND MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

Your committee on rules and regulations has the honor to report that up to this date the only matter pertaining to any proposed amendments to our rules and regulations that has been brought to our attention is that relating to the admission of members of our auxiliary and other allied orders to the meetings of the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, without, however, participating in the official post proceedings.

Somewhat extended conference of the members of your committee with departments, individual posts, and active members of our national encampment leads us to the unanimous conclusion that such an amendment is generally desired and should be made.

At a former encampment this courtesy was extended to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but experience has shown that it is our women organizations that can best find the time and most efficiently aid our aged comrades in getting to their post meetings and in adding to the interest of their meetings. Many feeble posts in our departments must have such aid or else disband. As a general rule we find department commanders are urging their posts to continue to carry on, with the aid of our allied organizations, so long as any veterans remain.

We feel that there should be no discrimination made in extending this courtesy to our women organizations, but that all should be included.

We, therefore, submit the following as an amendment to our rules and regulations:

"Be it enacted, That posts in the several departments may admit, at their option, to meetings of said posts, the members of the Woman's Relief Corps and the members of each of our other allied women's organizations, but not to participate in any official proceedings of the post by vote or otherwise, except in so far as becomes necessary in the keeping and reading of reports on the part of any such members who may be acting in the capacity of secretary to either the adjutant or quartermaster, to which position of secretary any such member may be appointed by the post commander on the recommendation of the adjutant and quartermaster."

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID N. FOSTER,
WILBUR F. HENRY,
JACOB SECREST,
W. H. CHESEBROUGH,
LYMAN A. GILBERT,

Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Commander in chief, I wish to move for the adoption of this resolution, including the amendment to our rules and regulations, and when my motion has been seconded and you have placed the matter before the encampment, I desire to give them a few words of explanation. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the motion, which has been seconded. All in favor signify their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? Carried unanimously and so recorded. Go ahead.

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER. I just want to say to the comrades that this proposed amendment to the rules and regulations not having been submitted by a department encampment and sent to headquarters for publication 30 days before this encampment convened, you can only adopt it by unanimous vote. A single vote in this

encampment will make our women organizations wait another year before they can be admitted to our posts.

Comrade R. N. SPOHN, of Pennsylvania. That report said that posts might admit these organizations at their own option—that is, that the posts might admit them at the option of the post. That is the way he stated it. Now then I want to know if a post can refuse to admit them, or must they admit them?

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER. A post can refuse to admit them. It is at your option.

Comrade SPOHN. The post can admit them or not admit them, as they see fit?

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER. Exactly.

Comrade J. H. DRUCKENMILLER, of Pennsylvania. Does that include the auxiliary to the sons?

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER. It includes all the allied patriotic orders.

Comrade WILBUR F. HENRY, of Missouri. It seems to me that the language of the resolution or the report ought to be plain enough. It means that when your daughter takes you to the post that she may sit there during the session of the post.

Comrade SPOHN. It didn't read that way.

Comrade HENRY. It reads that way in plain words, that the post may do as it pleases about allowing anybody but members of the post there. But there is not a post existent in my department that will not permit the ladies of all the patriotic societies that are allied to us into its meetings to sit and listen to them. This national encampment in two encampments have voted to throw the doors of the galleries open, allowing the citizens even to be present. You will find that is so in the records, and the committee on resolutions even wanted to let——

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I rise to a point of order. He is all out of order. That was all settled long ago.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I so rule. The question is out of order. You accepted the resolution, and it was accepted unanimously, and therefore it can not be debated now. We will proceed with the next committee, and we can not accept any more statement now. What is the next order?

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, of Pennsylvania. There appears to be such a difference of opinion that I was just going to ask that the resolution of the committee be just read once more. [Cries of "no!"]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We will proceed to business. The committee on Officers' reports will make their report. Are they ready? Pass on to the next. What is the next?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. There has just been handed in, and I will read it, a resolution. And the resolution is, after some "whereases":

Be it resolved, That the sixty-fourth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Cincinnati, Ohio, go on record as opposed to mob violence and lynchings, which are contrary to the fundamental principles of liberty contained in the Constitution of these United States.

I move it be laid on the table.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I would say that that action was taken upon that in the report of the committee on resolutions. The committee on reports of other officers.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Comrades Thomas, of Illinois; Davidson, of Kentucky; and Dunham, of Michigan; committee on reports of other officers.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Are you ready to report? If so, come up here.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Commander in Chief, I move that we proceed to the election of officers.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We can not do it until we get through here.

Comrade JAMES C. THOMAS, of Illinois (reading):

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

To the sixty-fourth national encampment, Grand Army of the Republic:

We, the committee appointed by the commander in chief to examine the reports of the adjutant general and quartermaster general to the sixty-fourth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully submit the following:

We note, with deep sorrow, the great loss in the number of Grand Army posts, a drop from 2,466 to 2,238, of 228 posts, and the consequent depletion of membership in our organization from 26,219 to 21,080, of 5,039 members, as recorded in the adjutant general's report for the 12 months period ending December 31, 1929, but realize that this must be expected.

We heartily approve of the recommendation of our adjutant general, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, that the Charter of New Mexico be annulled and that the post now remaining be attached to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

In the report of our highly esteemed quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, we second his congratulations to our commander in chief.

We find both the adjutant general's and quartermaster general's reports commendable in every way and worthy of high praise.

JAMES C. THOMAS,

A. A. G., Department of Illinois.

M. H. DAVIDSON,

A. A. G., Department of Kentucky.

ALBERT DUNHAM,

A. A. G., Department of Michigan.

I move the adoption of this report. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the report, and the motion which has been seconded. Are you willing to vote upon it. If so, all those in favor say "aye." Contrary? Carried, and so recorded.

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Now, Commander in Chief, I move that we proceed to the election of officers.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Then we will proceed to the election of officers by a vote.

Comrade WILLIAM PATTON GRIFFITH, of New York. I move that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches to three minutes.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We will put this first motion—are you ready for the question to proceed to the election? All those in favor of that signify their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? Carried, and so recorded.

Now, your motion is in order.

Comrade GRIFFITH. I move that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and the seconding to three minutes.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. Two minutes.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It has been moved and seconded that the nominating—

Comrade ZIMMERMAN. I want to amend that. I move that seconding speeches be limited to two minutes, as an amendment.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That is only a minute. Let it go through. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion say "aye." Contrary? Carried and so ordered.

You will now proceed with the nominations. Call the roll. We will proceed to nominations. Call the roll.

(The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, and the following proceedings had:)

Comrade DAVID N. HEIZER, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander in Chief and Comrades: The Department of Colorado wishes to place in nomination for commander in chief a comrade who has been an active member of the national order for years. It is hardly necessary to call your attention to the fact that a large number of our States have been honored with a commander in chief, but the Rocky Mountain section of our Nation, including Colorado and Wyoming, has not been so honored. Yet the Department of Colorado and Wyoming has had the honor of entertaining the national encampment on three different occasions; and now we believe this vast section should be recognized by the election of Comrade James E. Jewell [applause] to the high and important position of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thank you.

Comrade FRANK A. CARGILL, of Connecticut. Comrades, as commander of the Department of the State—the little dot on the map—of Connecticut, I come here to name one of our boys, one of the 57,000 on the roster of the State of Connecticut, who came home from that four years of hell like many others, and commenced his career as a widow's son and fought his way up through the ravages of time, became distinguished and honorable in his community and post and department of the State of Connecticut.

He has been a member of the hospital board of the State. He comes indorsed most emphatically and spontaneously by all of the auxiliaries of the State of Connecticut. He was before this convention a year ago. A Connecticut soldier does not retreat and does not resign. I place before your notice to-day a man of experience, a man who has worked indefatigably for the tenets of fraternity, charity, and loyalty for over half a century. He is a man of brains. We have watched his progress. He has reached the climax and now comes before you for the second time as a nominee for commander in chief of this great Grand Army of the Republic.

He is a philosopher, made a philosopher through that four years of hell. He is a good counselor, has always responded and shown good judgment and justice in all the affairs where he has been called into council. He is a diplomat, and has solved many problems in the Grand Army of the Republic as a diplomat. Every man of you here carries in your topknot 100,000,000,000 gray cells. Our comrade here wears a No. 7¾ hat, and I will guarantee he has 110,000,000,000, probably 10,000,000,000 less than your present chief here. But, mind you, he comes well qualified as a philosopher and diplomat and will serve you well, and I trust that you will honor him as a candidate—or at least you will honor him as a successful candidate—for commander in chief of this great Grand Army. [Cries of "Who is he?"]

Didn't I name him? I should have done so. Pardon me. The name is George A. Tucker, a veritable Yankee with certified blood. [Calls of "Time!"]

Comrade E. W. PHILLIPS, of Kansas. Commander in chief and comrades: I would be pleased to have your undivided attention. I am not going to make a great long speech here, but in nominating my man I want to say that if there is any society on God's green earth that has got a world of orators it is the Grand Army of the Republic—but I am not one of them.

I am here to present a comrade's name for commander in chief whom I have known for years. I have been on the council of administration for five or six years from Kansas, and I have been thoroughly and intimately acquainted with this man, and the comrades are demanding that his name be presented here for commander in chief, and they have delegated me to do it. The boys are asking in my section of the country, and several other States, that Harding I. Merrill, of Kansas, be nominated. [Applause.] He has been indorsed in Kansas at the encampment unanimously, without a dissenting vote, and all the patriotic organizations in Kansas have indorsed him. He is a man who has got a strong voice and you can hear him in any section of the hall wherever you may be. I want to tell you that you will be satisfied with my man Merrill. I would like to have him stand up back there so he can be seen. [Comrade Merrill rises.]

Now, we appreciate your votes. Remember, Kansas has never had a candidate for commander in chief. Now, we are here presenting this man's name, whom you will all be pleased with.

Comrade NELSON R. BROWN, of Maine. We have a candidate from the State of Maine we wish to put before you. Maine has never had a candidate nor never sought it. But this man I am going to present for commander in chief is wholly responsible for the reception you got in Maine last fall. All of you who went there know what kind of a reception you had, and that speaks well enough for our candidate and I take pleasure in nominating Col. Charles E. Nason, of Portland, Me., as a candidate for commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Commander in chief and comrades: In the selection of our officers the Grand Army of the Republic never makes a mistake. We are confronted this morning with a galaxy of names of splendid comrades. Every one is a good comrade. It is a question which one of them we shall choose as our leader for the ensuing year. I am commissioned by the Department of Maryland to place in nomination a comrade tried and true, who has been adjutant of his department for years, has been assistant quartermaster general for years; and it gives me great pleasure to place in nomination Comrade Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania. [Applause.]

Comrade CHARLES COTTER, of North Dakota. Commander and officers and members, I am not going to keep you in suspense. I am just going to place in nomination for national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic Hon. Smith Stimmel, of Fargo. He has the distinction of being the only surviving member of Abraham Lincoln's mounted bodyguard. Born in Ohio, graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, after which he took up the study of law in Cincinnati, was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Cincinnati until 1882, when he moved to Fargo, N. Dak., where he still

resides. Judge Stimmel is well known through North Dakota. He has been known to be very active in civic and State affairs. He served a term in the State Legislature of North Dakota. In 1918 he was made judge advocate by the national commander. I have known Judge Stimmel for only about 40 years, during which time he has always been active in political and patriotic affairs, and we members of the Grand Army of North Dakota feel satisfied beyond a doubt that Comrade Stimmel is well qualified to fill the office of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. Comrades, in accordance with the action of the Department of Pennsylvania, I nominate Comrade Samuel P. Town for commander in chief. I certainly thank Past Commander in Chief King for his gracious act in nominating our comrade, and in appreciation of that fact I extend to him from the Department of Pennsylvania our thanks. Comrades, I trust that you will not take into consideration sectionalism in this election. Remember, comrades, you represent the greatest organization in existence, not founded for any selfish purposes but for the other man, for the welfare of our comrades, their wives, and orphans, and founded on the great principles of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. I thank you.

Chief of Staff BROWN. I wish to present Col. U. S. Grant 3d before this encampment.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, I want to introduce to you Colonel Grant, whom we know by his grandfather, and I just want to have you recognize him.

(The calling of the roll of departments for nominations for commander in chief was continued by the adjutant general and completed.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any seconds that wish to speak?

Past Commander in Chief SAMUEL R. VAN SANT. Commander in Chief, it is a great honor to be selected for commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. For that reason there is always a spirited contest, and one certainly is on now. The spirit of fairness should always prevail. The commander in chief this year came from the Atlantic coast, recently one from the Pacific coast, and now it seems in fairness this encampment's nomination should go to the great and glorious West, and I stand responsible for recommending a group of 14 States that never had a commander in chief, and in that spirit of fairness I am requested by my Department of Minnesota to unanimously second the nomination of Comrade James E. Jewel. [Applause.]

At the age of 17 he entered the Army. He served in the Army, after which he prepared himself for college and entered Iowa University, graduating in 1877. In 1878 he joined the Grand Army of the Republic and has been a faithful, hard worker in the ranks and in office ever since. He has been commander of his department. He served for 10 years on the committee of administration, for 9 years on the national council of administration, and at Denver he was elected senior vice commander in chief. I want to give you just a few facts and figures for consideration. [Cries of "Time!"]

No; it is not time. I have not spoken that long. The great State of Pennsylvania, great in war and great in peace, has had this office more times than any other department. [Calls of "Time!"] Now they want it for another time. I say, in all fairness go to the great and glorious West. The battle is on. There is good fighting all along the line. Be for that candidate you are working for, but when the man is elected we are all for him as commander in chief.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other seconds?

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER, of Indiana. Commander in chief, I am instructed by the unanimous delegation from the Department of Indiana to second the nomination of Comrade Jewel, of Colorado. [Applause.] Comrades from the East and from the Middle West, let's be generous and just. Colorado has entertained this encampment three times, commencing nearly a half century ago. Let's send the position of commander in chief to Colorado this year.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other seconds? Any other comrades who are going to second nominations come up on the platform.

Comrade JOHN H. CONGER, of New Jersey. New Jersey seconds the nomination of Jewel.

Comrade C. H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. I am here to second the nomination of Sam P. Town, of Pennsylvania, a man that is able and capable, and been in that business all these years, and I am seconding the nomination for California, of Sam P. Town, of Pennsylvania.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any more seconds?

Comrade R. N. SPOHN, of Pennsylvania. In speaking in regard to those who are candidates for commander in chief I want to tell you Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania, has no equal in the work he has done for the Grand Army. He comes from the State of black diamonds. You people remember what the black diamonds do for you. You get your blaze upon the hearthstones from them. They give you heat, they give you illumination and they illuminate your houses. So we have the black diamonds. But in Samuel P. Town we have the white diamond who, when put in the position of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will illuminate the whole organization from Maine to California and from the Lakes to the Gulf. So let's have Samuel P. Town, who has always worked honestly for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade W. W. HOLDEN, of Vermont. Ever loyal to New England and the people of New England, in the name of Vermont I second the nomination of Charles Nason of Maine. I am not going to make a speech. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Are there any others?

Comrade GEORGE W. HOWE, of Michigan. "Peck's Bad Boy" presents the name of Jewel. We want Jewel. We can satisfy three Mountain States if we give the commander in chief for the next year to Jewel.

Comrade G. H. POUNDER, of Wisconsin. I am loyal to the United States. I second the nomination of Comrade Jewel from Colorado.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other seconds?

Past Commander in Chief JOHN REESE. Commander and comrades, we are fortunate to-day in having so many worthy comrades

that seek the office of commander in chief. They are all worthy comrades, but I am instructed by our Department of Nebraska to second the nomination of a comrade that lives in the soldier State of Kansas, Comrade Merrill, who is recommended as a worthy and competent comrade.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other seconds?

Comrade JOHN N. STEWART, of Illinois, I move that nominations close.

Comrade S. R. HANEN. Commander in chief, I come from a State that was born the child of the Rebellion. It separated from a rebellious State and formed a new State, a free State, a loyal State. And I am here to second the nomination of a man from an adjoining State, Comrade Town. I speak for West Virginia.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any others? Past Commander in Chief Arensberg. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. Commander in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Pennsylvania has placed in nomination a man that I have known for many years. I come before you to second that nomination. He has been a worker in the Grand Army of the Republic for nearly 50 years. For more than 25 years he has been assistant adjutant general in the department of Pennsylvania. In 1924-25 he was adjutant general, national adjutant general. He is assistant quartermaster and custodian of the records of the Grand Army of the Republic at the present time. A more able, a more perfectly fit comrade, mentally, morally and physically, you can not get. You can not find a comrade that can outrank him. I therefore take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Samuel P. Town of Pennsylvania. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other seconds?

Comrade ALEXANDER OGLESBY, of the Potomac. Commander in chief and comrades of this encampment, I have no department here, but I have a voice here with which I desire to second the nomination of Comrade Jewel. [Applause.]

Comrade C. P. CRARY, of North Dakota. I am here to second the nomination of Smith Stimmel, of Fargo. I am no speech maker, but he is a good fellow and perfectly competent.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any others? If not, we will proceed to the election.

I would just like to introduce to you, Colonel Grant, who is waiting here and has got to leave soon. I want him to say a few words before we proceed with the election. I have great pleasure in introducing him to you. Now, have it quiet for a few moments.

Col. U. S. GRANT 3d, Washington, D. C. Commander in chief, and comrades of my grandfather, you do me too much honor in permitting me before you to-day to take up any of your time. We sons and grandsons have looked up to you for our example and our guidance to our lives for so many years we have become accustomed to listening and not talking. Therefore I shall limit myself to stating that I come here as a member of a committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War merely to extend our greetings and our continued assurance that we are going to follow your lead

to the best of our ability; and if we fail it will not be due to any lack of desire but merely lack of power to do all we would like to do. I can not tell you how touched I am at this chance to see this general encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I can not tell you what an inspiration it meant to see your parade yesterday, and my gratitude for your kind reception. Thank you very much indeed. [Applause.]

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. Commander in chief, I ask the indulgence of the encampment for the purpose of seconding the nomination of a candidate from Kansas, Comrade Merrill. Kansas has never had a representative on the national ticket for commander in chief. Kansas sent more soldiers into the field than she had voters. Kansas has erected a memorial costing \$600,000. Through all her various vicissitudes she has built one of the grandest memorials to our comrades and their widows in existence. Kansas never had recognition. Kansas has had 128,000 soldiers from various parts of the United States, the greatest soldier State in the Union. I have put upon the statute books myself, individually, 32 laws in behalf of my comrades and their widows. No other living comrade has equaled that. We ask you to give Kansas recognition in the election of her candidate for commander in chief, Comrade H. I. Merrill.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. We will now proceed to the roll call. Let us have it quiet and see how quick we can get through.

Comrade C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, of Pennsylvania. Commander in chief, have you appointed tellers?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Yes.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. You understand, of course, that only those who are in their seats can be counted [beginning the roll call of departments].

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. I move that there be tellers to count these delegations as they are voted. This one that was just called was stated two different ways, and there ought to be tellers to go back to those delegations to see that the number voted are in their seats. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion which has been seconded. I am going to put it. All in favor of the motion signify it by saying "aye." Contrary? It is carried and so recorded. You will please take action on that. We want it counted fair to everyone.

Comrade NASON. I move that the roll begin at the beginning and be counted and tallied, and the number voting shall be in their seats.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Very well. Start from the beginning and let's have this thing right.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I would suggest that if that rule is going to work that the delegation rise where they can be counted. Now I will call again. Alabama. [Again starting the roll call.]

Comrade NASON. My resolution is not being carried out. I move that tellers be appointed to go to these delegations as they are called and count them on the floor and report them. [Cries of "No!"]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That will take too long.

The roll call of departments was continued and concluded, the result being as follows:

Department	Jewel	Tucker	Merrill	Nason	Town	Stimmel
Alabama	2					
Arkansas	3					
California and Nevada	18				4	
Colorado and Wyoming	12					
Connecticut		14				
Florida	7		1			
Georgia and South Carolina	2				1	
Idaho	3					
Illinois	14		10		3	
Indiana	20					
Iowa			22			
Kansas			25			
Kentucky	2		2		6	
Louisiana and Mississippi	8					
Maine				9		
Maryland					7	
Massachusetts					20	
Michigan	6				12	
Minnesota	10					
Missouri	13					
Montana	3					
Nebraska			14			
New Hampshire	3					
New Jersey	18					
New York					31	
North Dakota						7
Ohio	12				6	3
Oklahoma	6					
Oregon	3				1	
Pennsylvania					28	
Potomac					1	
Rhode Island	6			1	1	
South Dakota	4					
Tennessee	5					
Texas	2					
Utah	1					
Vermont	3			2		
Washington and Alaska	4		1		2	
West Virginia					6	
Wisconsin	11		3			
On platform	8		3	1	10	

Comrade C. H. KING, of Kansas. Kansas wishes to change her vote to Jewel of Colorado. Merrill's name will be presented to the encampment at Des Moines next year for Commander in Chief.

A COMRADE. Those that voted for Merrill have got a right to vote for whoever they please.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Here is something of importance. Joseph R. Barnaby, of Quincy, Ill., is sick at the Denison Hotel—quite sick—and somebody is wanted to go there and look after him.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, I want to say the question has come to me. Have you a right to change your vote now? Not until the regular vote has been announced.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. I rise to a question of policy. After the vote is announced you can not change it, but you

can change it before. That is parliamentary rules. Before it is announced you can change it. After it is announced you can not change it.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I still hold to my statement that until it is announced and you know what it is you can not change it.

Comrade EDWIN H. LINCOLN, of Massachusetts. My earliest experience in life was as a page in the Massachusetts Legislature and for the two years I was there I heard all decisions made. You can change your vote as often as you please before it is announced. That is parliamentary law.

Comrade JOHN CONKIE, of Colorado and Wyoming. I except to this order. We have always had the privilege of changing our vote just as soon as the roll call was finished.

Comrade D. C. ZIMMERMAN, of Illinois. After the vote is announced the thing is settled. No power on earth can change that as quick as we announce that vote. If we do announce that vote there can be no changes in this encampment.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Very well. We will go on that proposition. Is there anyone here that wishes to change their vote right now?

Comrade A. C. BEST. The Department of Illinois has 27 votes. We have changed the vote to one for Town and the balance for Jewel.

Comrade JOHN H. HELLWEG, of Wisconsin. Wisconsin changes from Merrill 3 to Jewel, making it 15 for Jewel.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. It is very evident that the decision of this encampment has been made. After this vote is announced, let us make the election unanimous and do away with all this hollering and yelling we are going through.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You will all get a chance. If you are all going to start in and change your votes before they are ever recorded, when will we get through? I am going to try and get you out in due season. We want to get the vote and get it correct, and we are going to do that if we have to stay here all day. We are going to give each comrade a chance to be recorded as he desires.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I think this as all out of order.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I think so myself, but you did not agree with me.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. The tellers should have announced the result and then you could have changed, to make it valid.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I think we will be able to—at least you will all have a chance to get onto the band wagon a little later after they have been called.

Comrade JOHN P. RISLEY, of Iowa. Iowa changes to Jewel.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. Didn't you rule that before the vote was announced any department could change their vote? Wasn't that your ruling?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That has all been settled.

Comrade WILDMAN. You allowed Kansas to change. If that is your ruling, I want to change our vote.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander, the following is the tabulation of the vote: Total number of votes cast, 451; necessary for a choice, 226. Comrade Stimmel has 10, Comrade Nason has 14.

Comrade Merrill has 43, Comrade Town has 191, Comrade Jewel has 243, which is more than a majority.

Comrade CHARLES E. NASON, of Maine. Commander in chief and comrades, as a candidate for the high office of commander in chief, I move that we make the election of Comrade Jewel, of Colorado, unanimous.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. I second that motion.

Comrade H. I. MERRILL, of Kansas. Merrill of Kansas seconds it.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. The motion has been made by Senior Vice Commander in Chief Nason and seconded by Comrade Town and another comrade that we make the election of Jewel unanimous. All in favor of that say "aye." Contrary? It is unanimous. Comrade Town, I appoint you a committee of one to bring Comrade Jewel to the platform.

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWN, of Pennsylvania. Commander and Comrades, it affords me extreme pleasure to introduce to you our newly elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Jewel.

Commander in Chief-elect JAMES E. JEWEL, of Colorado and Wyoming. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I can assure you that this is a greater surprise to me than it is to many others, and I can not thank you enough, you who have given me such generous support at this time, for what you have done for me. I will not detain you long, but I will assure you that this next year I will give my entire time to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and our widows. Thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now we will proceed to nominations for senior vice commander in chief. Will you please come to order? Let's get to business.

Past Commander in Chief JOHN R. KING. Commander in chief and comrades, will Comrade Stacey, of New York, and Comrade Wildman, of Connecticut, meet me on the platform? They are with me on the committee to wait on the Sons of Veterans.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now, comrades, let's keep quiet. Nominations are in order for senior vice commander in chief. Have you anyone that you want to nominate for senior vice commander in chief?

Comrade CHARLES O. BROWN, of Illinois. I take pleasure in nominating Comrade Town, of Philadelphia, for senior vice commander in chief.

Commander EMMETT F. TAGGART, of Ohio. Comrades, it has been the custom of the national meeting for many, many years to give to the city that has entertained us the honor of having the senior vice commander in chief. Ohio, at our meeting in Lorain this year, selected one of our comrades, a past commander of the department of Ohio, to receive that honor at your hands at this encampment. So I present for your consideration and election the name of Jacob Secrest, past department commander of Ohio, for the honor of senior vice commander in chief for this year.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Conceding the precedent to be correct as stated by the comrade, I move you, sir,

that the rules be suspended and that Comrade Secrest be declared the nominee for senior vice commander in chief. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion, which has been seconded, that Comrade Secrest be declared the candidate to be voted upon for senior vice commander in chief. All in favor of the motion signify it by saying "aye," contrary "no." It is unanimous. You will proceed to come to the platform and let them see what a good looking fellow we have got.

Comrade JACOB SECREST, of Ohio. Mr. Commander and comrades, I think this quite an honor to me. I am not going to say any more, but I am going to be at the right hand of the man Jewel that I love. I thank you, and I will be on the job during the year. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now, comrades, who are you going to have for junior vice commander in chief? Nominations are in order. If you wish to have the roll called it will take longer.

Comrade WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, of Illinois. The delegation from the Department of Illinois have requested me to place in nomination a comrade of that department for the office of junior vice commander in chief—Charles L. Cureton, late of Company A of the Thirty-second Missouri Infantry, First Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps. The delegates from the Department of Illinois ask your support for Comrade Cureton.

Comrade FRED S. OATLEY, of Rhode Island. Commander in chief and comrades, I represent a State that is only 67 miles long and 36 miles wide. A man who lives in one end of this State and works in the other, with a good automobile can go home every night. So I feel that we as a little State have been kind of slighted some, and I think that we should have the honor of having a junior vice commander in chief from the State of Rhode Island. I nominate Charles H. Lewis, present commander of the department.

Comrade CHARLES O. BROWN, of Illinois. We are at the time of life now when both the commander elect and the senior vice commander elect may pass away before our next meeting. We should exercise great care in the choice of a junior vice, for it may turn out through the acts of Providence that he will be our next commander. I therefore support the comrade from Rhode Island for the position of junior vice commander.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief CHARLES E. NASON. As there seems to be no other nominations for the office of junior vice commander, I have great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Lewis, of Rhode Island. He is qualified in every way to discharge any duty that may devolve upon him in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a man of honor, a man that is loved by every comrade in his department, a man who has conducted himself so that he is able to, under all conditions and at all times, do honor to our order; and it gives me pleasure to second his nomination.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Go ahead.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Listen to me, please. Remember that you are only to vote those comrades entitled to vote, who are in their seats. There are many who have gone out and they can not be counted in this ballot.

The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general on the office of junior vice commander in chief, with the following result:

Department	Cureton	Lewis	Department	Cureton	Lewis
Arkansas		3	Missouri		4
California and Nevada		9	Nebraska		3
Colorado and Wyoming		6	New Hampshire		1
Connecticut		5	New Jersey		6
Florida		6	New York		9
Georgia and South Carolina	1	1	North Dakota		4
Indiana		13	Ohio		10
Iowa		4	Oregon		1
Kansas	10		Pennsylvania		9
Kentucky	9		Potomac		1
Louisiana and Mississippi		6	Rhode Island		8
Maryland		6	South Dakota		4
Massachusetts		10	Vermont		5
Michigan	4		Washington and Alaska		6
Minnesota		2	Wisconsin	6	

Comrade CHARLES L. CURETON, of Illinois. Under the circumstances, I move that Comrade Lewis be elected unanimously by this encampment as junior vice commander.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It has been moved and seconded that Comrade Lewis be declared unanimously elected. All in favor of that say "aye." Contrary? Carried. Comrade Lewis, come up here. I want to show them how you look.

Comrades, now we have a surgeon general to elect. Who have you got to name for that office?

Comrade JAMES W. SHIELDS, of Idaho. Commander in Chief, from where the big "taters" grow, Idaho wants to place in nomination a comrade who has been placed in the balance and found not wanting. He comes from the shade of the tree where Lew Wallace wrote the book of Ben Hur. I place in nomination our Comrade Cowan, the present surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic. Please vote for him.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other nominations for surgeon general? If not, what is your pleasure?

Comrade WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, of Illinois. I move that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the entire ballot of this encampment for him. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It is moved that the rules be suspended and that the unanimous ballot be cast for Comrade Edward H. Cowan, of Indiana, for surgeon general. All in favor of that say "aye." Contrary? Unanimous.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. In accordance with the vote I deposit a ballot bearing the name of Edward H. Cowan, of Indiana, for surgeon general.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. By your action you have elected him, and I have announced it. Chaplain in Chief.

Comrade C. H. HASKINS, of California and Nevada. I want to place in nomination Comrade H. H. Wood, who has been a minister

of the gospel for 50 years, for chaplain in chief. He is from Long Beach, Calif. And I ask his indorsement.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Any other nominations? If not, make your motion.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. I move that the rules be suspended and the adjutant general cast the vote for the comrade. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion that the adjutant general cast the vote of the encampment. Now you will vote on that motion. All in favor of the motion will say "aye." Opposed? It is carried.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I deposit the ballot.

Comrade W. F. HAMBRIGHT, of Pennsylvania. The term of a trustee of the permanent fund expires. I move that Comrade Arensberg be elected to succeed himself. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It is moved and seconded that Comrade Arensberg, past commander in chief, be reelected to the position of trustee of the permanent fund. All in favor of that motion signify their assent by saying "aye," contrary "no." Unanimous and so declared.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the lady who will be the next commander in chief—the assistant commander in chief of the one whom we have elected our commander in chief—Mrs. Jewel.

Mrs. JAMES E. JEWEL. To-day I have the greatest honor that can come to me through the honor that you have given to my husband. I know that you are busy. I am not going to talk now because I will come and see you after a while. But I want to say that I am very happy just now.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Just a moment. We have another report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAWS

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. The committee on codification have a report to make. Now it will serve no useful purpose to read this report. There are 16 typewritten pages. It is a codification of the law since the last Blue Book. I ask unanimous consent, on the part of the committee, to incorporate therein the acts and changes that have been made during this encampment as of now. They are already made but time does not permit for me to get that in the report. This is a codification of the law since 1912, and it is to be printed as a part of the Journal of 1930. Therefore, I want to include herein, in behalf of the committee, the changes and laws that have been enacted during this encampment, and it requires unanimous consent. I therefore move that such privilege be granted and that the report be approved in præsentia. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion, which has been seconded. All in favor of that say "aye." Contrary? Unanimous, and will be so recorded.

(Report of the committee on codification of laws will be found at p. 277 of this journal.)

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

Comrade DAVID N. FOSTER, of Indiana. The committee on resolutions referred to the committee on rules and regulations the following:

Whereas our ranks are fast thinning: Therefore be it

Resolved, That each department be entitled to a representative to the national encampment for every 50 members—

It is now 100—

or major fraction thereof, in good standing in the department.

The committee on rules and regulations have gotten together and approved of this. It will not add materially to the number. I move its adoption. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. All those in favor say "aye." Contrary? Carried unanimously and so will be recorded.

Chief of Staff BROWN. I have in my hands a little token from Mrs. Pearl E. Safford, Massachusetts Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, with their compliments and love, esteem, and respect to our commander in chief.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You take back to them my kind wishes and thanks. All the newly elected officers will please come to the platform. We will now proceed to the installation of the officers. Past Commander in Chief Pilcher will perform the duty of installing them. Comrade Wright, will you present the newly elected commander in chief.

Comrade James E. Jewel was then duly installed as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by Past Commander in Chief Lewis S. Pilcher.

The following officers were then duly installed:

Senior vice commander in chief, Jacob Secrest, of Ohio.

Junior vice commander in chief, Charles H. Lewis, of Rhode Island.

Surgeon general, Edward H. Cowan, of Indiana.

Chaplain in chief, Rev. Henry Hilton Wood, of California and Nevada.

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Have you appointed your adjutant general?

Commander in Chief JEWEL. David N. Heizer, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

(Comrade Heizer was then duly installed as adjutant general.)

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Are you ready to announce any other appointments?

Commander in Chief JEWEL. Quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York. Assistant quartermaster general and custodian of records, Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania.

(Comrades Stowits and Town were then duly installed into their respective offices.)

Past Commander in Chief PILCHER. Comrades of the Grand Army, in accordance with the requirements of our order, I have performed my duty in thus installing these men of your choice into their respective offices. Each one will make himself familiar with his duties and become thoroughly acquainted with our rules and regulations.

Shall we all be true to ourselves and to the order, and that the order will prosper.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. I can only add that this victory has been more to me than any other incident of my life. I am now entering close upon my eighty-third year. It was a great surprise to me. True, I expected and felt that eventually I would be elected your commander in chief at this time but I did not anticipate the wonderful help that I got on the first ballot, and I shall always cherish it as the brightest and happiest moment of my life; and I want you to convey to your comrades that I hope that you will so arrange your local department encampments so that they will not all come in the same month and on the same week and on the same day, for I want to visit you all, or as many as possible.

Now I want to make this announcement. I want the council of administration to meet at the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic at sharp 2 o'clock.

I promise now I shall be your commander in chief in every sense of the word, but I shall always be first a commoner.

Is there any other business to come before the encampment at this time?

Comrade PATRICK H. CONEY, of Kansas. I move we now adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief JEWEL. It is moved and seconded that we now adjourn sine die. All in favor of that will say "aye." We are adjourned.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES



CHARLES E. NASON
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



JAMES W. SHIELDS
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

PORTLAND, ME., *July 22, 1930.*

EDWIN J. FOSTER,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Herewith I submit my report as senior vice commander in chief.

My duties have been very few, consisting of my attendance at Cincinnati, Ohio, in January, with the national officers for the purpose of closing up the contract with the committee of that city relative to the sixty-fourth national encampment.

I also carried out the detail of the commander in chief to represent him at the department encampment of New Hampshire, which was held at Concord, that State, April 10 and 11. On this occasion I was very cordially received and entertained by the Department of New Hampshire and its affiliated organizations.

I have responded to all calls that have been made upon me by the different organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic in the Department of Maine.

I appreciate, fully, the honor bestowed upon me by the national encampment, and consider it one of the greatest honors I have enjoyed during my life, and sincerely thank all members of the national encampment for the confidence they placed in me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

CHARLES E. NASON,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

BOISE, IDAHO, *July 1, 1930.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit to you and through you, to the Sixty-fourth National Encampment, my report as junior vice commander in chief.

In the performance of my few duties during the year I have received much real pleasure and benefit to myself.

I had the honor of representing our beloved commander in chief, Edwin J. Foster, at our State encampment, at Idaho Falls, June 10, 11, and 12, and extending his greetings to the comrades and the various patriotic orders and citizens, which greetings were received with enthusiasm. The encampment was very successful, and I had the honor of installing the officers.

On February 12 I accepted an invitation from the Lincoln Birthday Association of the Grand Army of the Republic of my own city to attend the banquet and deliver the address, and was greeted by a large audience, of which there was an unusual patriotic demonstration.

On May 25 I accepted the invitation extended to me by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Mountain Home, Idaho, to deliver the address at the dedication of their monument erected to the "unknown dead." I considered this one of the greatest occasions of the year. On several occasions I have had the pleasure of addressing McConnel Junior Club No. 1 of the Woman's Relief Corps of Boise, Idaho, an enthusiastic group of girls, who, by their many acts of kindness, have scattered sunshine all along our way.

I was also a guest as a representative of the National Grand Army of the Republic at a number of functions in and out of our city, and was most enthusiastically received.

I have been very actively engaged also in looking after the interests of the Department of Idaho, Grand Army of the Republic, in my position as assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, and have endeavored to render good and useful service to my comrades and their widows.

And now in closing I wish to express to my comrades of the Sixty-third National Encampment my appreciation of the great honor conferred upon me by my unanimous election as junior vice commander in chief. This to me will always be a pleasing memory in my Grand Army life.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

JAMES W. SHIELDS,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



EDWARD H. COWAN
SURGEON GENERAL



J. KING GIBSON
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., June 25, 1930.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I have had nothing to do as a surgeon. It seems to me that it would be an idle thing to give advice to the comrades as to how to keep well and live long. The very fact that they are living and in fair health shows that they have already learned to take proper care of their eating and exercise, and need no advice on the subject.

I spent the winter in Dallas, Tex., from December to May, and received many kindnesses from the Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Confederate veterans invited me to attend their camps. I did so several times and was most cordially received. Even the Daughters of the Confederacy invited me to a luncheon they gave to "our heroes," and seated me at the table with generals and privates clad in gray, and paid me as much attention as though I were really one of their "heroes."

Since I was on the ground, you asked me to represent you at the annual encampment of the Texas Grand Army of the Republic which was held at Fort Worth April 29 to May 2. I enjoyed the experience very much, and, although speech making is a thing I know little about, yet the association with the "boys" and the Grand Army of the Republic Auxiliaries was very pleasant. I hope to meet some of them again at our meeting in Cincinnati.

One thing which occurred at the meeting impressed me greatly. At a general meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic and Auxiliaries, among others presenting greetings was the committee from the Daughters of the Confederacy. It was, I feel sure, one of the first times, if not the first, that such a thing ever occurred. To me it appeared like a real change of feelings toward the Union soldiers. It may be that the Daughters of the Confederacy of Texas are more sensible than some of those farther south, but I hope not.

You also asked me to go to Lawton, Okla., and visit for you the State encampment from June 6 to 8, which I was glad to do. It involved a 200-mile trip by bus. I was glad, indeed, to make the trip, and again made many pleasant acquaintances.

While there we were invited to Fort Sill, about 6 miles away, and had a dress parade of four companies of the Thirty-eighth Infantry with their band and all the "frills." It took us back to the old days. We were taken all about the reservation and shown many interesting things.

For the privilege of attending both these meetings, my sincere thanks are due you and are herewith tendered.

Respectfully,

EDWARD H. COWAN,
Surgeon General.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

DAYTON, OHIO, *July 1, 1930.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I take pleasure in submitting my report for the year closing. It is a matter of regret that so few reports from department chaplains have been received, and for this reason it is not best to attempt a tabulation. I do not criticize. Time is making its inroads and multiplying our disabilities. But if we are advancing in years the spirit of devotion is not faltering. Memorial Day has a deep meaning in the United States, though more and more allied organizations are in evidence.

Here come the Relief Corps and kindred associations, the Sons of Veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, Spanish American and World War veterans, yes, and even ex-Confederates, to all of which are to be added civic organizations, assuring us that we and our cause are not forgotten. For this we thank God and take courage. Heartening things appear even in our thinning ranks. One department, New Jersey, out of 30 posts, reports every one of them as attending memorial services; and that throughout the State the day has not been better observed in many years. Another chaplain reports a widening comradeship and a warmer and stronger meaning in F., C., and L. Increasingly do we use the prayer of our liturgy, that our organization may endure in the accomplishment of its mission in "the education of civil life, the advancement of the Nation, and the blessing of humanity."

In F., C., and L.,

J. KING GIBSON,
Chaplain in Chief.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Boston, Mass., July 1, 1930.

EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to render the following report for the year 1929-30.

The reports from the assistant adjutants general of the 43 departments show the membership to be as follows:

Number of comrades in good standing Dec. 31, 1928	26, 013
Gained since that date	1, 213
Aggregate	27, 226
Lost by death	4, 278
Lost by all other sources	1, 868
Total loss	6, 146
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1929	21, 080
Number of posts Dec. 31, 1928	2, 531
Gained since	18
Aggregate	2, 549
Loss by surrender of charters	311
Number of posts Dec. 31, 1929	2, 238

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ended December 31, 1929

Departments	Dec. 31, 1927		Dec. 31, 1928		Dec. 31, 1929	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Posts	Members
Alabama	2	24	2	20	2	14
Arkansas	5	57	6	51	6	38
California and Nevada	85	2, 494	82	2, 049	73	1, 712
Colorado and Wyoming	31	448	17	286	19	311
Connecticut	46	445	44	362	41	282
Delaware	4	56	4	52	3	50
Florida	12	386	9	251	10	219
Georgia and South Carolina	4	18	4	15	3	11
Idaho	12	129	12	137	9	106
Illinois	232	2, 668	203	2, 043	185	1, 681
Indiana	138	1, 717	124	1, 306	116	940
Iowa	167	1, 770	142	1, 389	114	1, 158
Kansas	181	1, 686	175	1, 400	160	1, 171
Kentucky	32	269	26	149	21	105
Louisiana and Mississippi	7	56	7	56	6	29
Maine	60	482	56	405	46	346
Maryland	16	214	14	179	10	151
Massachusetts	149	1, 809	139	1, 474	127	1, 205
Michigan	84	1, 114	73	852	98	844
Minnesota	84	632	75	534	80	474
Missouri	67	776	51	641	42	477
Montana	10	114	10	82	10	80
Nebraska	88	749	76	606	70	470
New Hampshire	40	286	37	251	22	139
New Jersey	37	452	32	369	30	291
New Mexico	2	20			1	5
New York	277	2, 918	267	2, 522	238	2, 020

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ended December 31, 1929—Continued

Departments	Dec. 31, 1927		Dec. 31, 1928		Dec. 31, 1929	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Posts	Members
North Dakota.....	11	61	11	56	11	55
Ohio.....	242	3, 133	219	2, 262	189	1, 866
Oklahoma.....	32	282	28	215	21	243
Oregon.....	37	614	36	559	33	400
Pennsylvania.....	262	3, 375	229	2, 769	190	2, 058
Potomac.....	5	225	5	180	5	142
Rhode Island.....	19	206	18	179	17	128
South Dakota.....	25	165	25	154	18	94
Tennessee.....	11	108	6	53	5	35
Texas.....	8	73	7	60	6	50
Utah.....	4	52	4	50	4	47
Vermont.....	49	406	46	354	41	318
Virginia and North Carolina.....	14	133	10	113	8	26
Washington and Alaska.....	50	747	42	653	29	475
West Virginia.....	16	204	14	167	8	147
Wisconsin.....	127	1, 018	118	820	111	667
Total.....	2, 784	32, 592	2, 466	26, 219	2, 238	21, 080

In connection with the foregoing comparison of membership for the past 2 years, it may be of interest to note the comparison of the present with that of 10 years ago. I feel that the comrades will find much food for thought in the following:

December 31, 1919, there were 4,604 posts and 103,258 members.

December 31, 1929, there were 2,238 posts and 21,080 members.

The work of this office grows heavier as the years pass by. Our comrades' advancing age is a heavy drawback, and the result is, that many errors creep in that could not have occurred a few years ago. It requires a lot of persuasion in some instances to get the annual reports. One department, which has but five members and one post, has not sent in its credential report up to the present time. In order that the comrades of that department may not lose their membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, I recommend that the charter of the Department of New Mexico be annulled, and the one post now remaining be assigned to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

I was greatly pleased to represent my commander in chief at the Connecticut and Vermont encampments, and in each place I was royally entertained.

In conclusion, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the services of your secretary, Helen A. Phinney. A woman of much executive ability, conscientious, and thorough in her work, who has given of her time and strength in the performance of her duties, and has proved herself a great help to this office by the splendid services she has rendered. To you, my friend and commander in chief, I tender my sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me by my appointment to this office. As you retire from your position may you take with you the happy memories of your year as the leader of our grand organization.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Adjutant General.



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COLA D. R. STOWITS
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

BUFFALO, N. Y., *July 2, 1930.*

EDWIN J. FOSTER.

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER: I submit herewith to you and through you to the national encampment, my report as quartermaster general for the term ending July 2, 1930.

Taking all things into consideration, we are at the end of this term in a fair financial condition. It must be borne in mind that our membership is rapidly decreasing and that the per capita tax has been reduced to 2 cents per member, which practically eliminates that item from our revenue. It has been necessary to call upon the checking account of the permanent fund for assistance, and this, together with the generous donations which we received from our auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps, and our other allied societies, the Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, has enabled us to meet our expenses promptly and have a fairly good balance on hand, as shown in detail in my report hereto annexed, which I trust will meet your approval. A supplemental report will be rendered at the close of the encampment.

And now, my dear commander, allow me to congratulate you most heartily upon the success which has attended your administration, and especially on the matter of pensions. It is almost impossible to find words to express our satisfaction with what you have accomplished during your entire term as commander in chief.

With the kindest regards and best fraternal wishes to you and our associate officers and comrades, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours in F., C., and L.

C. D. R. STOWITS,

National Quartermaster General, Grand Army of the Republic.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, August 10, 1929, to September 20, 1929

Cash balance in all funds, as reported to the sixty-third national encampment.....	\$8,677.53
Subsequent receipts:	
Sale of supplies.....	\$59.15
Ladies of G. A. R.....	674.80
Woman's Relief Corps.....	2,000.00
Daughters of Union Veterans.....	2,500.00
Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.....	500.00
	<u>5,733.95</u>
	14,411.48
Disbursements:	
Travel.....	613.06
Salaries.....	630.88
Expenses.....	1,314.15
	<u>2,558.09</u>
Total cash in all funds Sept. 20, 1929.....	11,853.39
To be credited as follows:	
General fund.....	8,957.97
Southern memorial fund.....	2,895.42
	<u>11,853.39</u>

ACCOUNT CURRENT

DEBIT

Cash received for term ending July 2, 1930:	
Balance in all funds as reported in the supplemental report dated Sept. 20, 1929.....	11,853.39
Subsequent receipts—	
Sale of supplies.....	\$504.84
Per capita tax.....	523.61
Refund on insurance premium.....	1.61
Proceeds of sale of G. A. R. office furniture at Milwaukee, Wis.....	47.00
Woman's Relief Corps.....	1,000.00
Permanent fund checking account.....	2,500.00
Interest from bank to July 1, 1930.....	217.66
	<u>4,794.72</u>
	16,648.11

CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending July 2, 1930:	
Supplies.....	231.25
Travel.....	3,980.87
Salaries.....	3,099.95
Expenses.....	1,756.19
Southern memorial fund.....	1,100.00
	<u>10,168.26</u>
Total cash in all funds July 2, 1930.....	6,479.85
To be credited as follows:	
General fund.....	3,684.43
Southern memorial fund.....	2,795.42
	<u>6,479.85</u>

Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, southern memorial fund, interest, etc., for term ending July 2, 1930

Departments	Posts	Members	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern memorial fund
Alabama	2	18		\$0. 63		
Arkansas	6	39		. 78		
California and Nevada	73	1, 661	\$20. 50	58. 65		
Colorado and Wyoming	19	311	11. 65	6. 22		
Connecticut	41	282	1. 00	5. 64		
Delaware	3	50		1. 00		
Florida	10	251	1. 20	4. 38		
Georgia and South Carolina	3	11	. 50	. 22		
Idaho	9	106	1. 00	2. 12		
Illinois	185	1, 681	13. 60	33. 62		
Indiana	116	940		18. 80		
Iowa	114	1, 421	14. 50	23. 20		
Kansas	160	1, 171	1. 00	40. 99		
Kentucky	21	105		2. 10		
Louisiana and Mississippi	6	75		2. 63		
Maine	46	346	7. 90	12. 11		
Maryland	10	151		3. 02		
Massachusetts	127	1, 205	23. 40	42. 18		
Michigan	98	844	9. 30	16. 88		
Minnesota	80	476	25. 70	9. 52		
Missouri	42	477	2. 80	16. 70		
Montana	10	80	6. 60	1. 60		
Nebraska	70	470	. 90	9. 40		
New Hampshire	22	139	. 50	4. 86		
New Jersey	30	291	4. 75	5. 82		
New Mexico	1	5		. 10		
New York	238	2, 020	9. 00	40. 40		
North Dakota	11	96		1. 92		
Ohio	189	1, 866	31. 55	37. 32		
Oklahoma	21	151		3. 05		
Oregon	33	400	8. 80	8. 00		
Pennsylvania	190	2, 058	28. 88	41. 16		
Potomac	5	142	1. 00	2. 84		
Rhode Island	17	128	6. 40	4. 48		
South Dakota	18	94	3. 46	1. 88		
Tennessee	5	35	1. 50	1. 15		
Texas	6	50	2. 78	2. 25		
Utah	4	47		. 94		
Vermont	41	318		11. 13		
Virginia and North Carolina	8	100		3. 50		
Washington and Alaska	29	475	7. 00	9. 50		
West Virginia	8	147		5. 15		
Wisconsin	111	736	21. 17	25. 77		
Aides-de-Camp			236. 50			
Refund on insurance premium					\$1. 61	
Proceeds of sale of G. A. R. office furniture at Milwaukee					47. 00	
Woman's Relief Corps						\$1,000.00
Permanent fund checking account					2, 500. 00	
Interest from bank to July 1, 1930					217. 66	
Total	2, 238	21, 469	504. 84	523. 61	2, 766. 27	1, 000. 00

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 2, 1930

[By C. D. R. Stowits, Quartermaster General]

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1929 Sept. 21	1	American Surety Co., premium on bond of quartermaster general				\$12. 50	
	2	Wagner-Taylor Co., insurance premium on stock in Philadelphia				3. 00	
	3	Edwin J. Foster, commander in chief, traveling expenses		\$500. 00			
	4	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:			\$41. 66		
		Salary for October					
Oct. 1		Expense for October, including rent, postage, phone, etc.				32. 50	
	5	The Southworth Press:					
		3,000 copies of General Order No. 7				40. 00	
		850 voting lists, sixty-third national encampment				15. 00	
	6	DeVine Printing Co., 3,150 letterheads				20. 50	
26	7	Millington Lockwood, vouchers and envelopes				12. 75	
30	8	M. H. Hagadorn, past adjutant general, salary for balance of his term			100. 00		
	9	Wright & Potter Printing Co.:					
		5,200 copies of General Order No. 1				23. 75	
		5,200 copies of General Order No. 2				162. 21	
	10	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general:					
31		Salary for October			100. 00		
		Office supplies				50. 44	
	11	Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for October			150. 00		
	12	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
		Salary for November			41. 66		
		Expense for November, including rent, postage, phone, etc.					
Nov. 4		Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general:				34. 00	
	13	Salary for October			25. 00		
		Expense for October				5. 00	

6	14	American Type Founders Co., 6 electrotype cuts				12. 50	
22	15	Stewart & Steen, 6,000 letterheads				60. 30	
Dec. 3	16	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
		Salary for December			41. 66		
		Expense for December, including rent, postage, phone, etc.				31. 25	
		Donations to comrades and families				20. 00	
	17	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general:					
		Salary for November			25. 00		
		Expense for November				5. 00	
5	18	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general:					
		Salary for November			100. 00		
		Expenses for November					
		Expenses to Philadelphia		34. 40		37. 78	
	19	Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for November			150. 00		
9	20	Graf Bros. Co., 1,000 aides' certificates				55. 00	
10	21	Edwin J. Foster, commander in chief:					
		Traveling expenses		500. 00			
		Office expenses				14. 85	
16	22	Weaver Envelope Co., 1,000 Beecher envelopes				8. 20	
27	23	S. O. Barnum's Sons Co., 3 by 5 flag (silk), 2½ by 4 flag (silk), 3 by 5 flag (wool), sent to Comrade Joseph Dutton, Kalawao, Molokai, Hawaiian Islands					
						14. 96	
1930							
Jan. 7	24	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general:					
		Railroad fares and sleepers to Cincinnati		76. 34			
		Sundry expenses, account of national encampment				58. 66	
	25	Joseph K. Davison's Sons, 100 secretary's badges		25. 00			
	26	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for December			25. 00		
	26½	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general:					
		Salary for December			100. 00		
		Expenses for December				16. 00	
	26¾	Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for December			150. 00		
13	27	George A. Hosley, chief of staff, expenses to Cincinnati and return, Jan. 7-8, attending meeting of encampment com- mittee					
				92. 41			
14	28	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general, expenses to Cincinnati and return, Jan. 7-8, attending meeting of encampment committee		93. 19			

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 2, 1930—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1930 Jan. 15 16 17	29	W. P. Wright, ex-committee, expenses to Cincinnati and return, Jan. 7-8, attending meeting of encampment committee		\$23. 52			
	30	Joseph K. Davison's Sons, 200 secretary's badges	\$50. 00				
	31	John Reese, past commander in chief, expenses to Washington, Jan. 15, 1930, attending meeting of legislative committee		240. 05			
	32	Charles E. Nason, senior vice commander in chief, expenses to Cincinnati and return, Jan. 7-10, attending meeting of encampment committee		223. 50			
	33	S. H. Towler, ex-committee, expenses to Cincinnati and return, Jan. 7-10, attending meeting of encampment committee		75. 79			
22 24 31	34	Joseph K. Davison's Sons, 250 aides' badges	137. 50				
	35	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for January			\$25. 00	\$5. 00	
		Expense for January					
	36	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for January			41. 66	31. 00	
		Expense for January, including rent, phone, postage, etc.					
Feb. 3	37	W. A. Wetherbee, adjutant general: Salary for January			100. 00		
		Expense for January, including postage, etc.				22. 60	
		Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for January			150. 00		
	38	Lewis S. Pilcher, legislation committee, expenses to Washington and return to attend meeting of legislative committee, Feb. 9-10		27. 85			
	39	John Reese, ex-commander, expenses to Washington and return to attend meeting of legislative committee, Feb. 1-11		100. 45			
14	40	John R. King, ex-commander, expenses to Washington and return to attend meeting of legislative committee, Feb. 9-10		15. 60			

27	41	Wright & Potter Printing Co.: 5,000 General Orders No. 3				156.75	
		Postage				13.60	
	42	Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general: Salary for February			100.00		
		Expense for February				.96	
Mar. 2	43	Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for February			150.00		
		C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for February			41.66		
	44	Expense for February, including rent, phone, postage, etc.				31.00	
4		Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general, salary for February			25.00		
7	45	Edwin J. Foster, commander in chief, traveling expenses		500.00			
14	46	C. W. Blodgett, national patriotic instructor, letters, stamps, etc.				7.90	
24	47	Agnes P. McKibbin, secretary to quartermaster general, on account of services on books and accounts term of 1929-30			150.00		
31	48	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for March			41.66		
	49	Expense for March, including rent, phone, postage, etc.				30.50	
		Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general: Salary for March			100.00		
		Expense for March				7.73	
Apr. 4	50	Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for March			150.00		
	51	Samuel P. Town, acting quartermaster general: Salary for March			25.00		
		Expenses for March: DeVine Printing Co.				25.00	
		Price Co.				1.25	
14	52	Wright & Potter Printing Co., 5,000 general orders No. 4				157.47	
17	53	John R. King, legislative committee, expenses to Washington and return, Apr. 15		2.88			
	54	C. E. Nason, senior vice commander in chief, expenses incurred attending encampments of Departments of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Apr. 7 and 12		56.64			
18	55	Frank O. Cole, expenses incurred attending encampment of Department of Maryland		20.60			
	56	Lewis S. Pilcher, legislative committee, expenses to Washington and return, Apr. 15		29.81			

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 2, 1930—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1930							
Apr. 21	57	S. R. Van Sant, past commander in chief, expenses to Washington and return, Feb. 10		\$146. 43			
May 1	58	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for April			\$41. 66		
	59	Expense for April, including rent, phone, postage, etc.				\$31. 00	
		Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general: Salary for April			100. 00		
	60	Expense for April				10. 10	
		Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for April			150. 00		
2	61	Samuel P. Town, acting quartermaster general: Salary for April			25. 00		
		Expenses for April: Postage				5. 00	
		Printing letter sheets				6. 00	
3	62	Flo Jamison Miller, national secretary, Women's Relief Corps, for distribution among the Departments of Virginia and North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas					\$1, 000. 00
6	63	Edwin J. Foster, commander in chief, account traveling expenses		500. 00			
12	64	Mazey Florists, Inc., flowers sent to funeral of Comrade Silas H. Towler				12. 50	
	65	E. L. Hawk, past commander in chief, expenses to Riverside and return, attending encampment of the Department of California, April, 1930		34. 40			
	66	E. H. Cowan, surgeon general, expenses attending encampments of Departments of Texas and Oklahoma		15. 20			
June 4	67	C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for May			41. 66		
		Expenses for May				31. 00	

68		Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general: Salary for May----- Expense for May----- Expenses attending encampment of Department of Connecticut-----			100. 00	9. 36	
69		Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for May-----			150. 00		
70		Samuel P. Town, acting quartermaster general, salary for May-----		6. 50	25. 00		
71	6	J. Newman & Sons, plaque with G. A. R. badge for funeral of Comrade George A. Hosley-----				10. 00	
72		Joseph K. Davison's Sons, 75 rank straps-----	\$18. 75				
73	14	Etta B. Reese: Editing Journal of sixty-third national encampment----- Postage, telegrams, etc-----				200. 00 6. 40	
74		Flo Jamison Miller, national secretary, Women's Relief Corps, expenses incurred in distributing southern memorial fund among the several southern departments, as shown in voucher No. 62 dated May 3, 1930-----					100. 00
75		Central Passenger Association, 30,000 identification certificates-----				129. 20	
76	25	John Reese, chairman legislative committee, expenses to Washington and return, Feb. 8-13, 1930, to appear before the Invalid Pension Committee of the House of Representatives-----		292. 45			
77	July 2	Edwin J. Foster, commander in chief: Account traveling expenses----- Expenses (telegrams)-----		200. 00		18. 37	
78	2	James E. Jewel, past senior vice commander in chief: Expenses attending encampment of Department of Kansas, May 12-15----- Expenses attending encampment of Department of Iowa, June 8-12-----		73. 26 69. 75			
79		C. D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general: Salary for June----- Expense for June, including rent, phone, postage, etc-----			41. 67	35. 00	
80		Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general: Salary for June----- Office expense for June----- Expenses incurred on trip to Vermont-----			100. 00	12. 35	
				29. 85			

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 2, 1930—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern memorial fund
1930 July 2	81	Helen A. Phinney, secretary, salary for June	-----	-----	\$150. 00	-----	-----
	82	Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general: Salary for June	-----	-----	25. 00	-----	-----
		500 letter sheets for chief of staff	-----	-----	-----	\$3. 00	-----
		Total-----	\$231. 25	\$3, 980. 87	3, 099. 95	1, 756. 19	\$1, 100. 00

Statement of supplies on hand, purchased, and remaining on hand for the year ending July 2, 1930

[As reported by Samuel P. Town, assistant quartermaster general and custodian]

Supplies	On hand July 20, 1929	Purchased per contract	To be accounted for	Issued	On hand June 30, 1930
Rules and regulations-----	1, 323	-----	1, 323	41	1, 282
Rituals-----	73	-----	73	15	58
Officers' cards-----	582	-----	582	11	571
Service books-----	298	-----	298	21	277
Odes-----	850	-----	850	-----	850
Applications-----	825	-----	825	-----	825
Leaves of absence-----	721	-----	721	-----	721
Transfers-----	483	-----	483	32	451
Discharges-----	696	-----	696	20	676
Post charters-----	161	-----	161	2	159
Descriptive books-----	45	-----	45	4	41
Blue books-----	14	-----	14	-----	14
Badges-----	372	550	922	508	414
Rank straps-----	704	75	779	146	633
Buttons-----	1, 980	-----	1, 980	651	1, 329
Ribbons-----	36	-----	36	1. 6	34. 6
Electrotypes-----	19	6	25	2	23
Comrades-at-Large-----	915	-----	915	125	790
Cost-----	\$343. 06	\$243. 75	\$586. 81	\$323. 49	\$263. 32

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Account of Dr. Louis F. Arensberg, Treasurer of the Permanent Fund, Grand Army of the Republic, for period August 14, 1929, to June 27, 1930

SECURITIES ON DEPOSIT WITH THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH

1930

June 27.	4½ per cent school district of Cleveland bonds_	\$4,000.00	
	4½ per cent city of New York bonds_	17,000.00	
	4 per cent city of Philadelphia bonds_	9,800.00	
	6 per cent Henry M. Flaherty mortgage_	1,500.00	
Total investments_			\$32,300.00

INCOME

1929

Aug. 14.	To balance of cash on hand with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh_		6,336.45
21.	To interest, Cleveland school district bonds_	90.00	
Sept. 10.	To interest, Henry M. Flaherty mortgage_	45.00	
Nov. 1.	To interest, New York City corporation_	382.50	

1930

Jan. 2.	To interest, city of Philadelphia bonds_	196.00	
Feb. 20.	To interest, Cleveland school district bonds_	90.00	
Mar. 11.	To interest, Henry M. Flaherty mortgage_	45.00	
May 1.	To interest, New York City corporation_	382.50	
June 27.	To interest, on daily balance in the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for year ending June 27, 1930_	136.56	
			1,367.56
			7,704.01

EXPENDITURES

1930

Feb. 8.	Check drawn against account_	12.50	
	By 5 per cent commission of the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh for collection of interest_	68.86	
			81.36
June 27.	Cash balance on deposit with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh_		7,622.65

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
L. F. ARENSBERG,
Trustee and Treasurer.

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depository for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the foregoing annual statement to June 27, 1930, showing \$32,300 in securities and \$7,622.65 cash on deposit with this company, is correct.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
By F. L. PARKINSON, *Vice President.*



JAMES W. WILLETT
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL



WILLIAM H. NOLL
INSPECTOR GENERAL

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

TAMA, IOWA, *July 31, 1930.*

Comrade EDWIN J. FOSTER,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I herewith submit my report as judge advocate general.

I

Many letters from comrades have been received during the present administration pertaining to the business of Grand Army posts and departments, presenting numerous moot questions concerning which your judge advocate has refrained from giving an opinion until the matter in question was first submitted to the commander in chief, and thence to the judge advocate, if desired.

In a number of instances an opinion has been given which is not included in this report.

II

The following question was presented by the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, to the commander in chief, to wit: "Must the senior vice be reinstalled before he can act as commander of the department?"

The commander in chief referred the department to section 2, article 6, chapter 3, Rules and Regulations, 1922, which did not satisfy the inquiring mind, and the question is now referred to the undersigned.

The question propounded includes the word "reinstalled," and as so formed should be answered in the negative, because it is evident that the question intended is, "Must the senior vice be installed before he can act as commander of the department?" which contemplates a vacancy in the office of department commander.

We assume that the senior vice was installed, and when a vacancy occurred in the office of the department commander, and under the rule cited, "the senior vice commander shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office."

It is the law that an officer must be installed before he can act, and a comrade assuming office without having first been installed is not a legal officer, or afterwards entitled to rank as a past officer. (See "Installation of officers," bottom of page 174, Grand Army Blue Book, 1912.)

The question as corrected to conform to the true intent of same must be answered in the affirmative, and in case of vacancy, where the senior vice succeeds by operation of law, he must be installed as department commander.

III

The department commander of Missouri submits certain propositions to the commander in chief for answer, which are in turn submitted to your judge advocate.

Proposition No. 1.—"When a post regularly elects a man to membership and musters him in, and afterwards discovers the man was not eligible to membership, can that post rescind their action in said election and drop the man's name from the roll?"

Answer.—No. Charges should be preferred and notice served on interested party to appear and defend. If proven as stated in the question, it would be the bounden duty of the post to expel the intruder, otherwise not. However, if the post did rescind and the interested party has not appealed the matter, he will be bound thereby in estoppel.

Proposition No. 2.—"Is a person eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic whose only service was in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, and who can not produce a discharge?"

Answer.—No, unless said enrolled militia was such State regiment as was called into active service and subject to the orders of the United States general officers as stated in article 4, chapter 1, Rules and Regulations.

IV

In re Comrade Hendrick E. Paine, court-martial; and the moot appeal of Comrade D. S. Beemer from the action of Phil Engelskerger, department commander of Pennsylvania. Situs Ezra Griffin Post No. 139, said department.

There has been filed with the commander in chief a certified record of the minutes of proceedings held at G. A. R. Hall, Scranton, Pa., in September, 1929, in the court-martial of said Hendrick E. Paine, a member of Ezra Griffin Post No. 139, Department of Pennsylvania, with dishonorable discharge. In connection with the foregoing there has been filed with the commander in chief a moot ex parte appeal of Comrade D. S. Beemer, of same post, from a ruling of the department commander of Pennsylvania, directing that said court-martial proceedings be rescinded and expunged from the record of said post, and that Comrade Paine be restored to the roll of membership of the post, which was refused by the post and followed by an order from said department commander that said Comrade Beemer be suspended for contempt from the position of commander of said post and from affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic for one year.

The record discloses as follows: "Headquarters Ezra S. Griffin Post No. 139, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic. Special Order No. 1. A post court-martial is hereby appointed to meet at Ezra S. Griffin Post, G. A. R. Memorial Hall, northeast corner of Linden Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in the city of Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pa., on the 3d day of September, A. D. 1929, at 2 o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of Comrade H. E. Paine," giving detail of the court and naming Comrade Edwin Roselle to be judge advocate. By order of the post, D. S. Beemer, post commander.

Evidence as regards notice given the accused.—Comrade Henry Early, recalled, testified: "I will make an affidavit that I put the envelope in his letter box. I saw his name on the box; first, I rapped four different times and got no response whatever. I opened the door, then after ringing the bell and rapping against the door, I got no response. I looked then in his letter box. There was nothing in the letter box and I put the envelope containing the notice charges and specifications in his letter box on Saturday, the 24th day of April, 1929, at his residence, 901 Madison Avenue, Scranton, Pa., his name appearing on the door plate, at or about 2 o'clock p. m."

The record further discloses that the accused failed to appear at the time and place fixed for the court-martial in question, and the taking of evidence was commenced and followed to a conclusion during the absence of the accused, and no person at any time appeared to represent the accused during the proceedings of said court-martial.

That the charges presented at said court-martial proceedings are in three parts, to wit:

CHARGE 1.—Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Specification 1.—In this: That in Uniontown, Pa., on or about June 10, 1927, at an encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Paine stated to the delegates assembled that there was then and there a split in Ezra Griffin Post No. 139, Grand Army of the Republic, and that the post could not accommodate or care for the annual 1928 encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania in Scranton; that the mayor of the city of Scranton, the chamber of commerce of the city of Scranton, and the editor of the largest daily paper in Scranton did not want the annual 1928 encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania to be held in Scranton; whereas in truth and in fact, the said statements were false, and Comrade Paine knew them to be false when uttered by him.

Specification 2.—In this: That Comrade Paine on or about May 28, 1927, in the city of Scranton, stated to the president of the chamber of commerce of Scranton that there was a split in Ezra S. Griffin Post No. 139; that if the invitation to the Pennsylvania Department to hold its 1928 encampment in Scranton were extended as authorized by formal action of the post at a regular meeting, he, Comrade Paine, would state to the encampment that Scranton chamber of commerce did not want the encampment for 1928 to be held in Scranton.

Specification 3.—In this: That Comrade Paine, on May 13, 1929, did write and cause to be circulated among the members of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, a letter in which he, Comrade Paine, stated that Ezra S. Griffin Post No. 139 had not unanimously indorsed Comrade Beemer of said post as a candidate for commander of the Department of Pennsylvania; whereas, in truth and in fact, the said post by action taken at a meeting of the post held on the 7th day of September, 1928, unanimously indorsed Comrade Beemer as such candidate, all of which Comrade Paine knew.

CHARGE 2.—Conduct unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman in his relation to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Specification 1.—In this: That in Gettysburg, Pa., on June 18, 1929, during the encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Paine did use and utter vile and scandalous, scurrilous and slanderous language and names about Comrade Beemer, a delegate to said encampment, in the presence and hearing of a number of persons in a public place, to wit, the lobby of the Hotel Gettysburg.

CHARGE 3.

Specification 1.—In this: That Comrade H. E. Paine, at a regular meeting of Ezra S. Griffin Post No. 139, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, 1928, in the city of Scranton, did call Comrade D. S. Beemer foul and vile names on the floor of said meeting, and did refuse to obey the order of the acting commander of the post then in charge of the meeting, given repeatedly to Comrade H. E. Paine, to be quiet, and to take his seat.

Court-martial verdict and judgment.—Now, to wit: 4.30 o'clock p. m. same day (September 3, 1929), court returns to main hall with following verdict: "That Hendrick E. Paine is found guilty on all three charges." On motion of S. J. Huids, seconded by E. E. Roselle, that H. E. Paine be dishonorably discharged from Ezra S. Griffin Post No. 139, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania. Motion carried.

It appears from the authenticated record in possession of the undersigned, that, following the order of court-martial hereinbefore recited, the department commander of Pennsylvania wrote to D. S. Beemer, Commander of Post No. 139, the following letter, which was duly received by Comrade Beemer, to wit:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 29, 1929.

D. S. BEEMER, *Commander, Post 139.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Department Patriotic Instructor H. E. Paine has forwarded to department headquarters a copy of Special Order No. 1 of Griffin Post No. 139, appointing a post court-martial to try him on charges preferred by Post No. 139.

This is to advise you that as Comrade Paine is a department officer, holding the office of Department Patriotic Instructor, the post has no jurisdiction, and for Comrade Paine to be tried on any charges it will necessary for the court to be appointed by department commander.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

By order of
PHIL ENGELSKERGER,
Department Commander.

Following which letter, duly received by the said post, through comrade Beemer as commander thereof, proceeded with the court-martial of Comrade Paine and prosecuted same to verdict, judgment, and dishonorable discharge on September 3, 1929.

Following same, other correspondence was had, and the department commander of Pennsylvania forwarded a letter to said post, as follows, to wit:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 26, 1929.

JOHN BRYANT,
Adjutant, Ezra S. Griffin Post, No. 139, Grand Army of the Republic, Scranton, Pa.

DEAR COMRADE BRYANT: The department commander was of the opinion that on the receipt of his letter of August 29 to Comrade Beemer, Commander of Post 139, no further action would be taken in the court-martial proceedings against Department Patriotic Instructor H. E. Paine. The post, having dis-

regarded the spirit of the letter, and having proceeded to court-martial the department patriotic instructor, the department commander directs that the irregular court-martial proceedings be rescinded and expunged from the records of the post, and that the name of Comrade Paine be placed on the roll of membership of the post, otherwise he will be compelled (as much as he deplores and regrets it) to institute action against the post and Comrade Beemer as well as Post 139. The department commander directs that action be taken in this matter by the post at its next meeting to be held Friday, November 1, 1929, and that report of such action be forwarded to headquarters immediately thereafter.

By order of

PHIL ENGELSKERGER,
Department Commander.

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Also the following letter and order:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 26, 1929.

JOHN BRYANT, *Adjutant, Post 139, Scranton, Pa.*

DEAR COMRADE: You will please take notice of the inclosed order. The evident disposition of Post No. 139 to disobey the order embraced in my letter of October 22, and the letter of the assistant adjutant general, written by the commander of your post to that effect, leave me no option but to direct the suspension of Comrade Beemer from the position of post commander and from all affiliations with the Grand Army of the Republic for one year from this date. You will please notify me on or before December 31, 1929, that this order will be obeyed by Post No. 139, and that the proceedings of the irregular court-martial condemning Comrade Paine to be dishonorably discharged from the Grand Army be erased from your books and Comrade Paine be restored to membership; otherwise I shall, under the rules governing the Grand Army of the Republic, be compelled to take further action.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

PHIL ENGELSKERGER,
Department Commander.

Official:

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

[Copy of order]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., November 26, 1929.

The Adjutant and All Members of Post No. 139:

By reason of the failure of your post commander to obey the order of October 22, 1929, forwarded to your post adjutant, I hereby direct that Comrade Beemer, post commander of Post 139, be and is hereby suspended from office and from all connections with the Grand Army of the Republic for one year from this date.

By command of

PHIL ENGELSKERGER,
Department Commander.

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Under date of December 16, 1929, Comrade D. S. Beemer by letter submits to the commander in chief a narrative statement of the foregoing facts, saying that in response to the letter of Commander Engelskerger of August 29, 1929, "the post felt that the office of department patriotic instructor was not an elective office, and therefore Comrade Paine did not come within the protection of the regulations. Further, that the offenses with which Comrade Paine was charged were committed before he held the position of department patriotic instructor."

Also reciting the fact that: "The meeting of the post was held on November 1, 1929 * * * and the matter was placed before the post. After full and thorough discussion of the matter and reading of the letter of the department commander, the post went on record to the effect that it felt that Comrade Paine, for the reasons given in a paragraph hereinabove, was subject to post court-martial procedure."

Said letter further recites: "On November 26 the department commander, by letter directed to John Bryant, adjutant of Post No. 139, suspended me, D. S. Beemer, from the position of post commander of Post No. 139, and from affiliations with the Grand Army of the Republic for one year from said date, and stating that unless the proceedings of the irregular court-martial condemning Comrade Paine to a dishonorable discharge be erased from the books of the post, and Comrade Paine restored to membership, further action would be taken by the department commander."

"I am writing you now to ask whether or not—

"First, the action of the department commander is justified in directing that the record be erased from the records of Post No. 139?

"Second, whether the department commander has any authority to suspend me from my office of post commander without any charges having been preferred against me, and without having been accorded my right to be heard?"

Comrade Beemer, in his closing paragraph of said letter, states further:

I will appreciate very much your investigating this entire matter from top to bottom. I, of course, can not consider this an appeal from the action of the department commander, for the reason that no charges have been preferred against me and I have not been found guilty by competent authority of any conduct warranting my suspension.

V

BRIEF

Courts-martial.—Chapter 5, article 6, section 3, Rules and Regulations, provides that: "Court-martial may be ordered by posts or by department commanders, or by the commander in chief for the trial of offenders in their respective jurisdictions; provided, that department officers designated in section 2, article 4, chapter 3, other than department commander, shall only be tried by courts ordered by the department commander or commander in chief, and one of the department officials mentioned in said section 2, article 4. chapter 3, is the department patriotic instructor."

Section 6, article 6, chapter 5, provides that: "No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the Grand Army of the Republic, except by court-martial convened by order of the commander in chief, shall be carried into execution until after the whole proceeding shall have been laid before the officer next superior to the one ordering the court for his confirmation or disapproval, and orders thereon."

Appeals (article 7, section 1, chapter 3, and page 70 of the Blue Book, 1912).—Appeals from the acts of a department commander as distinguished from appeals from his decisions in appealed cases must be taken to the department encampment if in session, and if not in session, an appeal from the original act of the department com-

mander may be made direct to the commander in chief. All decisions appealed from shall have full force and effect until reversed by competent authority.

Appeals from the acts of posts or post commanders must be taken within four months from the act complained of, and all other appeals within six months from rendering the decision complained of. (Grand Army Blue Book, 1912, pages 112 and 113.)

Suspension (paragraph 17, page 124, Blue Book of 1912).—A department commander or the commander in chief may suspend an officer from the discharge of his official duties, but not from his rights as a member. A plea to the jurisdiction of a court is never too late. (See paragraph 40, page 127, Blue Book of 1912.)

DECISION

1. In harmony with the foregoing record, and in accord with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am of the fixed and unqualified opinion that "The action of the department commander is justified in directing that the record be erased from the record of Post No. 139."

2. From the record of this case I am also of the fixed and unqualified opinion that the department commander had full authority to suspend Comrade D. S. Beemer from the office of post commander, as the record shows he did, without any charges having been preferred against him and without giving the said Comrade D. S. Beemer any right to be heard.

NOTE.—It will be observed that the foregoing second question does not in any way, by implication or otherwise, complain of the fact that the order of Department Commander Engelskerger, of date November 26, 1929, also suspends Comrade Beemer "from all connections with the Grand Army of the Republic for one year from this date," and the foregoing decision in nowise determines that question, as the matter is not now before us for consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. WILLETT,
Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *July 1, 1930.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: For a considerable number of years past the inspection of posts by the departments, according to the custom and requirements of earlier days, has not been followed, except perhaps, by a few of the departments.

The rules of our organization, as amended, make inspections mandatory only when ordered by the department commander or the commander in chief. Thus it has come to pass that the one-time important offices of department inspector and inspector general have become appointments conveying much honor and but little labor or responsibility. Membership in our unique order, limited to a famous remnant of men now living at ages ranging from 80 to 100 years, has made some amendments to its rules necessary without any departure from the foundation principles—vital rules and laws of the Grand Army of the Republic. This condition of our affairs answers the contention of some comrades who assert that post inspections were never more necessary than at present. They may be right technically but not practically. Nine-tenths of the Grand Army posts throughout the land in membership and resources are mere skeletons of former strength and stability. Whenever necessary, in posts small or large, there exists a board of trustees or auditing committee to safeguard the financial integrity and property of the post.

In recent past years moves and manifestations have been made in post meetings, department and national encampments, designed knowingly or unwittingly by its proponents, to reverse and uproot the foundation stones and original landmarks of our unique and glorious order. I allude to such suggestions and innovations as the election of a woman to membership, of selecting honorary members, of admitting to closed meetings of posts the members of auxiliary and allied orders, and of advocating the admission to the rights and privileges of membership the service men of all wars in which our country was engaged since the close of the Civil War.

These proposals, if sanctioned, would blur our consistent and time-honored record of the past, and dim the twilight splendor of the closing days of our historic and world-renowned organization. All such subversive requests should be stubbornly opposed to the last hour that ends the existence of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In conclusion I desire to express to the commander in chief my grateful thanks for according me the honor of a position on his official staff. This honor I can not consider entirely as a personal tribute, but also as a generous recognition of the Department of California and Nevada.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. NOLL,
Inspector General, G. A. R.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

EDWIN J. FOSTER,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER: The time has come when the reports, especially of the post instructors, should be made more simple and simply report the conditions and not try to give figures and totals.

Your national patriotic instructor has done his best to reach every department instructor, and as no letters were returned he must believe he reached all.

He has received reports from the majority not in figures but of conditions. The spirit of patriotism is strong, and it is growing stronger year by year, especially in the Southern States.

In two of the strongest departments the instructors have not even answered letters, and yet in one the same comrade is continued year after year.

First, it is very difficult because of age for some of the comrades to write.

Second, some even do not try to get reports. From these departments (having access to the press) I notice that there is great respect and honor given to the few who are still physically able to keep the posts alive.

Third, in the great majority of the departments there is the best of comrade spirit prevailing between the comrades of the Spanish-American War and the comrades of the World War, and in many portions of the South with the comrades of the States we met on many a bloody battlefield.

Fourth, Flag Day is universally observed. The teachers of the public and private schools instruct the pupils what the day and the flag stands for. This intensifies the love for country and an increasing patriotism.

Fifth, Memorial Day still is the one day of the G. A. R. In many places there were but very few comrades in line. The women's societies help in the observance, and especially the Sons of Veterans. In fact, Commander, the few of us that are left of that great Army out of which the G. A. R. was recruited would do a great work, even greater than our comrades of the early years, but we are not physically able, but we can do more than we do.

If the country owes us much we owe the country more. We have as an organization stood for the new United States, and should demand that all our laws be respected and obeyed.

For three years I have been the choice of yourself and your two predecessors in this office. That is long enough for any comrade to be in this or any other office. If there is an honor in it, pass it around. If there is work and responsibility, some one may do the work better.

I have written hundreds of letters and received hundreds. It has cost our treasurer but a few dollars, and the writer of this reports time and a good many dollars spent.

In my opinion no man or comrade of the G. A. R. should be appointed or elected to any office in post or department who simply loves to see his name in print, and there ends his work.

For over 50 years I have been a member of this organization, and it will soon be only a memory, but what a splendid memory!

Your influence, Commander, will not cease as you give over the work you have so splendidly carried on.

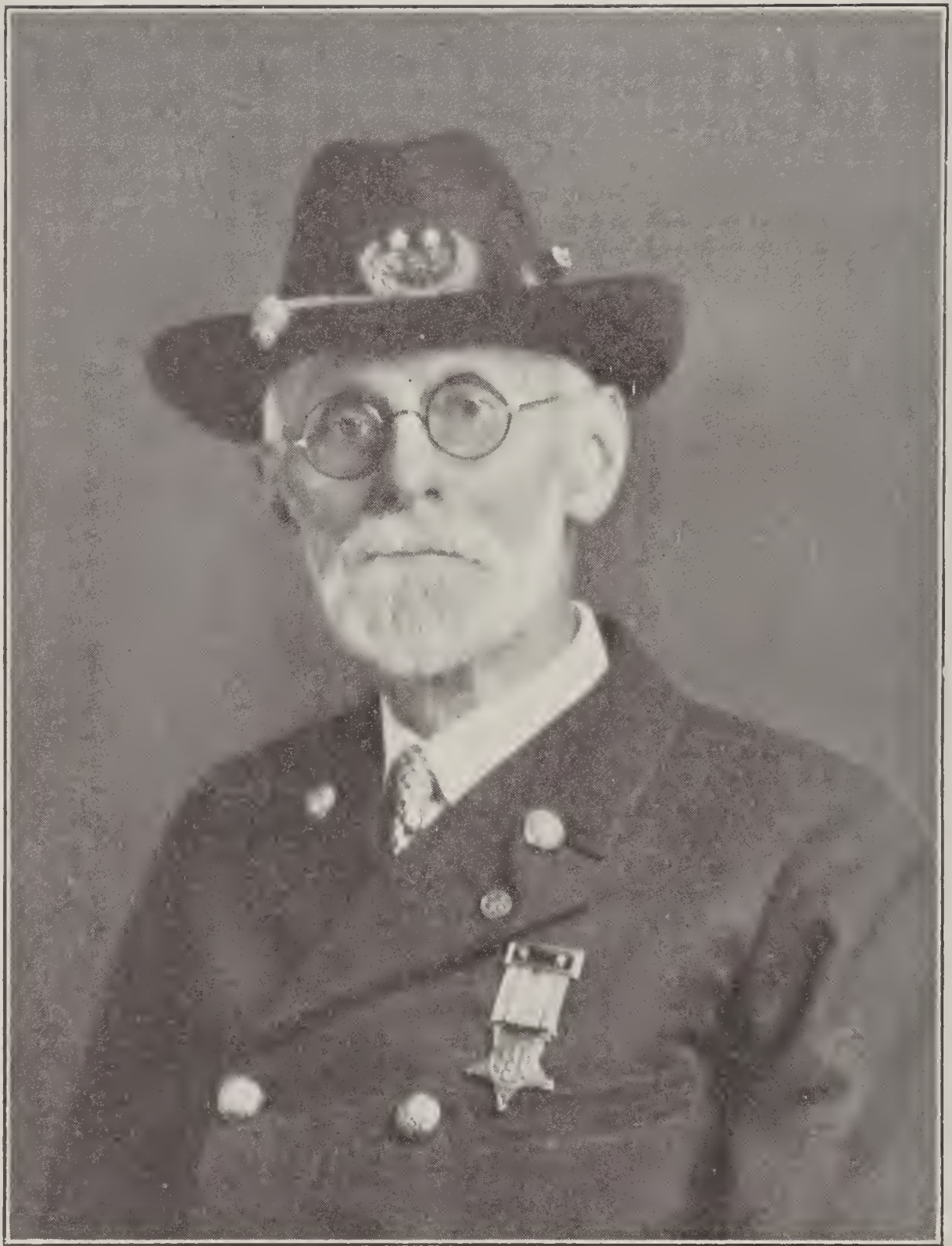
In closing, permit me to say there should be appointed at this meeting of the department a committee of five to revise the blank we have been using.

Respectfully in F., C., and L.,

CHARLES W. BLODGETT,
National Patriotic Instructor, G. A. R.



CHARLES W. BLODGETT
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



JAMES H. WEBB
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

BOSTON, MASS., *June 18, 1930.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have the honor to submit my report as Assistant Adjutant General. I wish to thank you, sir, and through you, Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster, for the honor conferred upon me by my appointment. My duties have been so few I have no report other than I have represented the Commander in Chief when the occasion required.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

JAMES H. WEBB,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN

PHILADELPHIA, June 30, 1930.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

My DEAR COMRADE: I have the honor to submit my report as assistant quartermaster general and custodian.

I have purchased all supplies and forwarded all requisitions made by the several departments during the year under the supervision of the quartermaster general, full schedules of which will appear in the report of the quartermaster general, together with the amount of supplies remaining on hand.

There have been printed and distributed to the several departments the following "free blanks":

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	5,326
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, detail)-----	6
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general, consolidated)-----	131
Form D (report of assistant quartermaster general)-----	131
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Report of department chaplain-----	42
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I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief, and to convey to you and to Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits my thanks for the courtesies extended to me during the year.

Yours in F., C., and L.,

SAMUEL P. TOWN,
Assistant Quartermaster General and Custodian.



SAMUEL P. TOWN
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL AND CUSTODIAN



GEORGE R. BROWN
CHIEF OF STAFF

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *September 6, 1930.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster having honored me with the appointment as his chief of staff, made vacant by the death of Comrade George A. Hosley, who so faithfully served the Grand Army of the Republic for more than 13 years in this office, and I appreciate deeply the confidence of the commander in chief.

At the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, State of New York, at Jamestown, N. Y., June 2, 1930, I assumed the duties of the office, and with the commander in chief, who was present, visited the different allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic in session there. The commander in chief is a great worker and has accomplished gratifying results.

As chief of staff, I assisted in arranging the formation of the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cincinnati on the morning of August 27, 1930, and will say that it was a splendid exhibition of courage of 631 comrades who marched in review before their commander in chief, their average age more than 85 years, heads erect, eyes right. One of the splendid features of the parade was the presence of the Marine Band of Washington, D. C. (President's Own). They had the right of line, and, with their fine music and splendid uniforms, made a great sensation, and to Hon. William E. Hess, the chief of staff for the Grand Army, extend greetings and compliments for his success in securing this band for our entertainment.

I have strictly obeyed all orders and filled all details as far as possible, and have found great pleasure in the work for the three months in office.

In closing, I wish to extend my warmest thanks to Comrade Wilfred A. Wetherbee for his counsel and advice. Also to Captain Bunge, chairman; Colonel Ross, vice chairman; and Boy and Girl Scouts of parade committee, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE R. BROWN, *Chief of Staff.*

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

LOUISVILLE, KY., *July 1, 1930.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: Replying to yours of June 24 requesting report as senior aide. First, on being notified of that appointment, I accepted it with very high appreciation, and so informed our commander in chief and your office of my acceptance. Then during the month of May, I was notified by our commander in chief that a vacancy existed on the executive committee on the council of administration caused by the death of our beloved comrade, Silas H. Towler. That appointment was offered to me and I accepted, notifying him and your office of the acceptance.

As to filing any report as senior aide, will say that up to the present time I have had no occasion to perform any special duties in connection with that appreciative and honorable appointment.

Have notified the commander in chief that during the week of the sixty-fourth national encampment I will be at his service, and would surely try to perform any duties that he wishes attended to that come within my ability to do.

Hoping you are feeling "just fine,"

Yours in F., C., and L.,

M. H. DAVIDSON,
Senior Aide-de-Camp.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

BROKEN BOW, NEBR., *July 2, 1930.*

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief, and Members of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic:*

On behalf of the legislative committee I submit the following report:

At the Sixty-third National Encampment, held in Portland, Me., 1929, I, as commander in chief, recommended that we should ask the Seventy-first Congress, at its regular session, to grant an increase of pension to Union veterans of the Civil War, and also to widows of Union veterans, as follows: Veterans receiving \$65 per month be increased to \$72 per month; those receiving \$72 per month be increased to \$90 per month; and those receiving \$90 per month be increased to \$125 per month; all widows \$50 per month; those widows who have or may hereafter reach the age of 80 years be increased to \$75 per month; for all Civil War nurses, \$75 per month.

This recommendation was approved by the committee on the report of the commander in chief, and unanimously indorsed by the national encampment.

On request of Commander in Chief Foster, I accepted the position of chairman of the legislative committee, with the hope that I might be of service to the commander in chief and his legislative committee in securing the enactment of legislation increasing the pensions of Civil War veterans and widows of Civil War veterans.

On January 8, 1930, by request of Commander in Chief Foster, I met him in Washington, D. C. After we consulted with Mr. Nelson, chairman of the Invalid Pensions Committee of the House, and other Congressmen and Senators, I prepared a bill, substantially in accordance with the instruction of the national encampment, providing increase: Those on the pension roll at \$65 per month to \$72 per month; those on the pension roll at \$72 per month to \$90 per month; those on the pension roll at \$90 per month to \$125 per month, with provision for future increase, where veterans becoming so disabled as to require the aid of another person the major part of the time shall receive \$90 per month, and those becoming so helpless or blind as to require the aid of another person all the time shall receive \$125.

All widows to receive \$50 per month, provision not to apply to those widows whose marriage shall occur after the passage of this act.

This bill was approved by the commander in chief, and was presented by Mr. Stobbs, Congressman from Commander in Chief Foster's congressional district in Massachusetts, on January 11, 1930, and was printed and referred to the Invalid Pensions Committee.

The Pension Committee gave notice that a hearing would be given on the bill on February 11, 1930, and Commander in Chief Foster called his legislative committee to Washington to appear before the

Invalid Pensions Committee on behalf of the Stobbs bill. The legislative committee met at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, February 10, 1930. There were present Commander in Chief Foster, and Comrades Pilcher, Johnson, King, Van Sant, and Reese. Civil War pension legislation was discussed, and the opinion of the committee was that we support the Stobbs bill as being the legislation the Grand Army of the Republic desires for veterans and widows.

The following day, February 11, 1930, the commander in chief and the entire committee, with a representative from each of the allied orders, Senator Means representing the United Spanish War Veterans, appeared before the House Invalid Pensions Committee, and a full and complete hearing was accorded us, and we felt the committee was in sympathy with our pension legislation, and that it would be reported to the House for action soon. We had been assured previously that our legislation would be considered early in the regular session. There were long delays by the House committee, as we were informed, for the Senate to pass on the Robinson bill, which had been pending in the Senate practically three years, and in January, 1929, was unanimously reported to the Senate, but was not permitted to be voted on.

The pension bill provided \$72 per month for all Union veterans of the Civil War, and \$125 for veterans who were so disabled as to require the aid of another person, and \$50 for all widows without limitation as to age or date of marriage, but as reported by the Senate committee to the Senate in January, 1930, it limited the date of marriage to 1920. The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate and reported to the House, and later, on motion of Senator Norbeck, a member of the Senate Pension Committee, was called back to the Senate for further consideration.

The House Invalid Pensions Committee discarded the Stobbs bill and reported the Nelson bill, which provided an increase for veterans and lowered the age of widows to 70 years instead of 75, when they increased from \$30 to \$40 per month. By this, about 25,000 widows receive the increase of \$10. The date of marriage was left at 1905 as per existing law.

When the Nelson bill was reported to the Senate I was not called to appear in person before the Senate committee, but by letter and telegrams I informed the committee as to the actual needs of the veterans and widows.

The Senate committee discarded the Robinson bill and indorsed the Nelson bill after amending by fixing the marriage date at 1910. This was unanimously passed by the Senate. A conference committee was then appointed (from Senate and House), and it was finally agreed upon to leave the date of marriage 1905. The Nelson House bill was passed and referred to the President.

By delays the close of the session was near, and it was advisable to take what was offered and request the President to approve the Nelson bill. I at once wired President Hoover, urging his approval. The Nelson bill was approved and became a law, by which, if it receives a liberal construction, all veterans will receive a substantial benefit, but the widows are left with only \$30 per month until they reach the age of 70 years, when they increase to \$40, which is not sufficient to procure the actual necessities of life for widows from 70 to 85 years of

age. We asked bread for widows and were given a crumb from a rich man's table as it were.

If the bill introduced by Mr. Stobbs, which I prepared, had been passed the costs would not have been for long, and would have given justice to all veterans and widows of veterans.

At the present death rate about 30,000 veterans and widows pass from the pension roll by death each year. The average age of veterans is 87 years, and of widows, 77 years. Nature tells us the death rate will not lessen, and in a short time there will be but a small number left who receive aid from our rich Government. I sincerely hope that before the next session of Congress these objectors to widows' pensions will have a change of heart and show more sympathy for the widows of veterans.

Much credit is due Commander in Chief Foster and the members of the legislative committee for their untiring effort in behalf of their comrades and the widows of comrades.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN REESE,
*Chairman, Legislative Committee,
Grand Army of the Republic.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1930, AT NATIONAL HEAD-
QUARTERS IN THE HOTEL GIBSON, CINCINNATI, OHIO

The executive committee of the national council of administration convened at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, August 25, 1930, at national headquarters in the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster presiding.

In addition to the commander in chief, the following members of the committee were present :

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits.

Adj. Gen. Wilfred A. Wetherbee.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. There are eight of us. That is a quorum. The report of the auditing committee :

Comrade WRIGHT (reading) :

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August, 25, 1930.

To the Sixty-fourth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Cincinnati, Ohio.

COMRADES : Your committee to whom was intrusted the duty of auditing the accounts of Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, Grand Army of the Republic, beg to report that they have performed the duty assigned them and after carefully checking over the books find a cash balance as per bank certificate of \$6,479.85, of which \$2,795.42 belongs to the Southern Memorial Fund.

The books are systematically and carefully kept, and the Grand Army of the Republic is to be congratulated on having served for many years one so capable and so thoroughly devoted to the duties of his office as our quartermaster general. Comrade Cola D. R. Stowits, who has the respect of every member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM P. WRIGHT,
W. F. HAMBRIGHT,
E. F. TAGGART.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the report that has just been read. What is your wish?

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Commander in chief, I move the report be received and entered upon the minutes, and that this committee commend our quartermaster general for his efficient services, and that we highly appreciate the services of Miss Agnes McKibbin in assisting the quartermaster general in the very complete manner in which she keeps the accounts.

Comrade WRIGHT. And that the report be referred to the council of administration.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the motion, which has been seconded, that this report be accepted and referred to the council of administration. All in favor of that will signify it by saying "aye." Those opposed? Carried unanimously.

The next business. What is your further pleasure?

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Have you anything to present to the executive committee that would require action or reference?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, I can not say that I have personally. But we have with us the treasurer of the permanent fund, and I would call on Past Commander in Chief Arensberg if you have something that you would like to submit. Have you anything to say to us?

Past Commander in Chief LOUIS F. ARENSBERG. I want to make them wise to the financial condition of the Grand Army permanent fund. While I am, under the rules and regulations, not required to make a report, I prefer to do it because in a small body of men they know what is going on and know what there is to do, and that is one reason why I like to come in and tell them the condition of affairs.

Now I want to say that the original amount of money that came into my hands as treasurer of the permanent fund when Comrade Patterson died—he was the treasurer who preceded me—the original amount was \$32,300. That is intact. It still remains there as it was years ago—\$32,300.

(Comrade W. O. Allen of New Jersey, a member of the committee, enters the room.)

In addition to that \$32,000 we have an account that we call the interest or checking account. This interest or checking account is subject to be drawn on by an order from the commander in chief duly signed by the adjutant and so on; on demand of the quartermaster general needing some money, you can draw on this checking account.

Now the adjutant general did not know the difference, but he called on me for a report, and while I have been making these reports, ordinarily that was not in line. The rules and regulations don't call for it. But I didn't kick on that. I am ready to make a report, but it was a little early in the year and I didn't want to make a report. But I assumed you wanted to send out some printed matter, and to get that you wanted this report then. I realized that. So I made the report.

Now, then, that report will come out printed, you know, but that will not be the true state of affairs at this present moment because after that went in I received some interest on these invested funds. The July interest and August interest have come in, and that would add to that. But in the meantime I also got an order to give the quartermaster general a little spending money, and I complied with the order and sent him a check for \$2,500. Of course that now will take away from that balance that I showed—a pretty good balance in my report—take that \$5,000. Since that I also received another order for \$4,500 to be paid to the quartermaster to meet current expenses, and that will then leave this balance—instead of being \$7,622.65 it will leave a balance in the checking fund of exactly \$894.35. So you see that would be rather misleading. Anybody that would see that \$7,000 up there would say, "There is lots of

money in there." But when we get through we won't have quite so much. So there you are.

And I wanted the council of administration—you men that are running the shooting match, or helping to run it—it is well that you know just exactly the situation and know where we are at. That was one of the things that I wanted to come before you so you would understand thoroughly the difference between what the printed report would be and what really is the case. When I get through with Comrade Stowits I will only have \$894 left—enough to buy my dinner, anyhow. So there you are.

But now there was something else that I had in mind that I wanted to bring before you, and I want you to think it over.

We have \$32,300 of money invested in bonds and securities. What to do with this money? For several years past nearly every time we have met the council of administration has always had upon it some comrade or other that wanted to make a will. You know you can make a will and you can make another one to-morrow if you want to. Wills don't amount to much. What you do to-day or what the encampment does at this particular session, they can indorse it at the next session a year hence or not, just as they see fit; and if you do something that they don't like, why they will do the opposite. So there you are.

So there is no use in making a will. It don't amount to a row of pins, as far as that is concerned. But if we want to get rid of this money, or if we want to do anything with it, we can give it outright. We have got that right. We can give it outright. You would have to do that, however, by resolution brought before the entire encampment in open session; offer a resolution to devote so much of that money as you saw fit to some object. But you would give it outright. There would be no will about it. When you give it, then you are done with it. So that is all there is to that. So that is the only way of getting rid of some of the surplus, if we want to get rid of it.

But the one great question after all is, Is it a wise thing to do? Sometimes I would like to get rid of the responsibility of holding this money, but it is not hurting me very much. So we get along very comfortably. But if we give it away, we may create—I was in favor of doing this—we have several things that we could give this money to that might be beneficial, and one of them is that Grant Memorial on Riverside Drive in New York. They are, to use a common expression—they are in the hole. They still owe some money. A donation to them would help them out very much, and we could very comfortably, I think, donate to them \$10,000 of this money, and leave us a balance of \$22,000 to carry on.

The Grand Army is not ready to quit, and we don't want to give all our money away. So we would have money to carry on. I was very favorably impressed with the idea of giving \$10,000 to that Grant Memorial Commission to help them out. Comrade Pilcher is in favor of it. Comrade King was in favor of it. I believe Comrade Stowits had a good opinion in regard to the matter. Anyhow he talked it over and it seemed to be a good thing to do, and a very wise thing to do, for the Grand Army of the Republic to do that, to help pay that debt on the Grant Tomb.

But the only fly in the ointment is the fact that if we give this money away—we have been having, more or less of late years, anyhow, some quite liberal contributions from the allied organizations that have come in to help us out. If we give this money away it may create the impression that we have too much money and don't know what to do with it, and they will quit giving us any money, and the first thing you know we will be on our uppers.

Now that is the question, and I want you folks to think it over. You are interested in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I would like to bring this matter up before you so you would think it over. That was my object in coming in here before your committee. I was going to recommend—at first thought of it was going to recommend that we draw up a resolution donating this \$10,000 to that Grant Memorial. I now hesitate to advise anything of that kind and think possibly it would be better to take this matter under consideration and hold it over say for our next meeting and think it over in the meantime. We may change our minds by that time, and may have to—I don't know. If you keep on drawing on me we will have to change our minds.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. There is no per capita tax now whatever.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is one thing. You have no per capita tax. You have nothing of that kind to expect, and all you can get in money form is this little interest that comes in from this fund, you understand, and your donations we receive. I believe Comrade Wright put that notion into my head, that it might possibly be that if we give this money away these people will think, "Why, they have got money to burn, and if they are giving it away why should we contribute anything to help them along." So they will quit giving it to us and then we will be up against it. So I thought it would be best to think it over.

Comrade WRIGHT. I would like to ask a question. How much indebtedness is there on this Grant Memorial? How much are they in the hole?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I really don't know, Comrade Wright. I have been thinking it over for quite a while, but I never even questioned how much. But my impression is somewhere between twenty and thirty thousand dollars I think they are behind.

Comrade WRIGHT. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the Grand Army to ascertain whether that is going to help them out permanently, or if they could raise the balance we would give them that amount to clear it up?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is the idea; better to think it over.

Comrade WRIGHT. I would not be in favor of putting any remittance into that deficit they have got there without we are satisfied they are going to clear it all up.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That is right.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I think your ideas are right. I think that would be the wise thing to do. If we take this into consideration and think it over, perhaps next year if we are living we can come here with the proposition again. Why, we will be better prepared and know in the meantime—we will get all the data in re-

gard to that matter that we can get, find out how much they are indebted, and also find out whether this would be any great relief to them.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Doctor, is this indebtedness on the original tomb?

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. Yes; at Riverside Drive.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. It has been hanging fire a long time.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I would like to see them get that thing straightened up. I don't know a thing about it in regard to that. I would like to see that cleared up, but at the same time, I think, Comrade Wright, your head is level in regard to that. We had better find out.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Comrade Stowits, you made the remark that we get no per capita tax. We get two cents.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. That don't amount to much.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. What does it amount to?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Ten or eleven hundred dollars.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. If we hadn't got these donations from the auxiliaries we would have been bankrupt.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Yes.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That per capita and even the interest on the invested bonds and securities would not be enough to run you if you didn't get some contributions, and I guess we had better go a little slow and not kill that goose that they talk about that lays that golden egg.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. I think you are right.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I thought best to come in before your committee and have you think it over.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Offer a resolution to that effect as he calls it up, that the matter be continued a year.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. There is no motion before us. There is nothing to do.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. We haven't been asked for a donation yet.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. There is no ground for us taking any action.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. I was just outlining what you would have to do under the circumstances, if you wish to do that; but I really think that we had better defer anything of that kind and just simply bring this before the committee for them to consider this matter for a year.

Comrade WRIGHT. Do you want a resolution to that effect? I would move, then, that the matter be referred back to the trustees of the permanent fund to give us full data of the condition of the finances of that memorial, and we take it up at the next encampment.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. You have nothing to refer. There was no communication sent to this committee.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. We haven't been asked for anything.

Comrade WRIGHT. The recommendation of the trustees of the permanent fund. They make a recommendation that if everything is all right that we donate that amount of money.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. That is right.

Comrade WRIGHT. Refer that back to the trustees to ascertain the exact condition of that memorial and present it at the next encampment.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I haven't heard any such recommendation.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Did you not get a communication?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, may I say a word here? While I was in at lunch Comrade Pilcher came in to see me and told me of the talk that you had had together, and wanted to know how I felt about it. "Why," I said, "I would feel that it would be a proper thing to do under the proper conditions." Then when he stepped up to talk to me, the thought came to me and I said, "Why, here is a question that came up, just what is proper to do now, and that is, if we give away this \$10,000 now, what will our associations say if we are giving away that money? 'They don't need any money from us,' and they are going to cut it right off."

That being the case, it seemed to me quite proper that we are going to be ready for several years yet to handle our own finances; and I would like to have you think in your own mind if we are giving that \$10,000 for that, to give \$10,000 for Clara Barton—for her monument; that this country has never done what they should have done for that lady and what she did for us.

I had the great pleasure of introducing a resolution in our own home State of Massachusetts, and it never amounted to anything, and I think that we should do something with some of our money before we go for the help of Clara Barton, to have a monument for her here in the United States—I would say in Washington—because they have recognized her across the water, but we have never done it in our country. I would like to have you take that in your mind in considering this proposition.

I am not against it, but I feel just as though that I would like to know just how much, as you said, that we are going to help. It has been a long time holding on—that Grant affair. That has been due until people have evidently forgotten, or gotten into a condition where they are not desirous of doing anything to help. Let's see just what the condition is. I don't know.

There is no resolution before us to act upon. We can simply discuss this matter and say you have brought it up. I would make a suggestion that our treasurer here investigate along the lines we have talked about and bring it up at the next meeting a year from now. How would that seem to suit you? We haven't anything to act on now.

Past Commander in Chief ARENSBERG. There is one thing I want you to understand. This \$32,300 did not accumulate from the amount of money contributed to our encampments at various times from your allied organizations. The original fund was derived from the accumulations of the per capita tax. When the Grand Army was in full swing this money was accumulated. We had much more than \$32,300 at that time. But either at Indianapolis or Columbus we had to draw on that principal; and we had more money then. But that is the last time it was drawn on. But that money was accumulated by the particular savings of the Grand

Army and was not due, except to some small legacies or donations given to us at that time—that money was accumulated in that way, and these allied organizations could not say that they owned that money, that we had accumulated it from them. We accumulated this while we were in our full strength and prosperity, so it is not due to that. But of late years they have contributed very considerably to us and have helped us keep from drawing on that fund, although that fund was originally established for the very purpose of helping the Grand Army of the Republic along in its declining years. So that is the situation, you understand.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Commander, would a motion of this sort be proper? To move that this matter be referred back to the committee with the information that they do not present this resolution to the present encampment but hold it over until it does receive the approbation of the executive committee at the next encampment or some future encampment.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Do I hear a second?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. We have nothing here to act on.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That will settle it. Do I hear a second?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Second the motion.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You have heard the motion that has been made and seconded that this matter be referred back to the committee and let them report on it a year from now. That is the proposition as I understand it. All those in favor of that please say "aye." Contrary? So ordered. That settles that.

Comrade WRIGHT. I would ask the stenographer to erase from the record the motion that I made, as this other motion has taken its place.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. He will do that. What is the next matter to come up?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I don't know whether all the comrades have been advised, but I received the following telegram at noontime:

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE.

National Adjutant General,

Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati:

Past National Commander in Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber died at 8 o'clock last evening. Funeral 10 a. m. Wednesday.

ANDREW S. BURT.

This came to me at noontime.

Comrade WRIGHT. I move the executive committee adjourn.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Does it come within our province or for the adjutant general to acknowledge that telegram?

Commander in Chief FOSTER. That will be attended to. We will send the widow a telegram. You have heard the motion to adjourn. All in favor of that say "aye." Contrary? We will now stand adjourned.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 25, 1930, AT THE HOTEL GIBSON, CINCINNATI, OHIO

The national council of administration was called to order at 3 o'clock p. m., Monday, August 25, 1930, in national headquarters in the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster, who presided at the meeting, the following members of the council were present:

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Charles E. Nason, of Maine.

Adjutant General Wilfred A. Wetherbee, of Massachusetts.

Quartermaster General Cola D. R. Stowits, of New York.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of California and Nevada.

Comrade William Wilson, of Colorado and Wyoming.

Comrade M. W. Strong, of Florida.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade Oley Nelson, of Iowa.

Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade George Prechtel, of Maryland.

Comrade Henry Clark, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade H. S. Paul, of New Hampshire.

Comrade William O. Allen, of New Jersey.

Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, of Ohio.

Comrade W. F. Hambright, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade Samuel A. Whelden, of Rhode Island.

Comrade H. P. Carson, of South Dakota.

Comrade F. M. Underwood, of Tennessee.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, this is a regular meeting of the council of administration. We are now open for business. We will have the roll call first.

(The roll was then called by the adjutant general, and later, as other members of the council entered the room their presence was noted, with the result above shown.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Next will be the report of the adjutant general on the auditing committee.

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. Following is the report of the auditing committee. [Reads the report of the auditing committee which appears as part of the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee at page 151 of this journal.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Comrades, you have heard the report as read. What do you wish to do with it?

Comrade NOLL. I move the adoption of the report. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It has been moved and seconded that this report be accepted. All those in favor signify their assent by saying "aye." Contrary? Carried unanimously.

What is your further wish? What is there to come up?

Adjutant General WETHERBEE. I don't know of anything.

Comrade GANDY. Commander, I understand the executive committee have had a session, and this is a session of the entire council. That is correct, is it not? I would like to ask for a synopsis of the chairman of that committee, that he briefly make a report as from the executive committee to the full council, so that we who are not on the executive committee could be a little better informed than we are. That has been the custom heretofore.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I would say that when I asked what you wished to do, I expected if anyone had anything to say they would get up on their feet and speak upon it, before we put the motion. No one rose at that time and I could not do otherwise; as I had really asked for the question then, to have you get up and state anything you wished to say before we passed it. If my point is not well taken, open it up.

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. There will be no objection by Comrade Wright.

Comrade GANDY. I would ask that Comrade Wright make a synopsis, as Comrade Towler did, which would be a matter of information to the rest of us.

Comrade WRIGHT. Commander, the only action that was taken by the executive committee was really the report of the auditing committee, and the report or talk made by the treasurer of the permanent fund. That was entered into quite extensively as to what might be done with the funds that we have. There is \$32,300 of that amount in the permanent fund that has been there for a number of years, and the interest on that and donations that we have received from time to time have taken care of the general expenses of the encampment without interfering with the original fund. And their suggestion was, after talking it over, that there might be a certain amount of that money taken and donated for certain purposes. The matter that was suggested to them and by them was the completion of the Grant Monument in New York. There is about \$30,000 yet due on that monument, that memorial, and the matter was talked over and the commander suggested that an amount might be used for a Clara Barton monument or memorial in America somewhere, Washington, or some other city. This matter was discussed in different ways, in different forms.

I guess the matter came up whether the allied organizations who are contributing considerably year after year for the good of the Grand Army, the National Encampment, might feel that we were giving their money away, therefore it was not necessary for them to give any more. And that matter was talked over, and the final result was, on a motion by the adjutant general, that the matter be laid over until the next encampment for the trustees to ascertain just exactly what amount was yet due on that monument to General Grant in New York, and that if the contribution made by the Grand Army

would close the matter up and leave no deficiency, why then the committee or the trustees might consider it, but for the Grand Army to chip in a little, or such an amount as \$10,000, as was suggested, toward that, if it would not clear it up why we would not contribute it in that way. That is about the short way of what was done at that meeting. I think perhaps I have covered all the points.

Comrade GANDY. The executive committee do not recommend anything to the general council?

Comrade WRIGHT. No; they did not recommend because no definite action was taken. The trustees of the permanent fund were requested by the executive committee to have prepared the full details of the condition of that Grant Monument so as to report it at the next meeting next year, and then action would be taken by the council at that time.

Comrade GANDY. This is repairs for the Grant Monument?

Comrade WRIGHT. No; it is not paid for yet. They owe about \$30,000 on the monument.

Comrade GANDY. There are bonds out on it or what?

Comrade WRIGHT. I suppose so. There is an indebtedness yet. It has been done by the people of New York, and contributions made by different organizations. But for the Grand Army to take and chip in a little and then have a big debt there besides, I rather opposed it.

Comrade GANDY. I noticed it was awfully run down when I was there last fall. It is very dirty and bad.

Comrade WRIGHT. I think that was about the action that was taken.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Then the subject matter is laid over until the next encampment.?

Comrade WRIGHT. That is the action that was taken.

Comrade ALTENBERG. Is not that the action of this body now?

Comrade HAMBRIGHT. Commander in Chief, if there is no further business I move we adjourn.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Is it seconded?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Seconded.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn. All those in favor of that signify it by saying "Aye." All those opposed? Carried. We now stand adjourned.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
IN THE HOTEL GIBSON, CINCINNATI, OHIO, THURSDAY,
AUGUST 28, 1930**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief at national headquarters in the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, Thursday, August 28, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 2.10 o'clock p. m., and upon roll call the following members were found to be in attendance:

Commander in Chief James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Assistant Adjt. Gen. E. C. Condit, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Q. M. Gen. Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Cos Altenberg, of Arkansas.

Comrade William H. Noll, of Los Angeles.

Comrade William P. Wright, of Illinois.

Comrade David N. Foster, of Indiana.

Comrade Oley Nelson, of Iowa.

Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade Albert Dunham, of Michigan.

Comrade William O. Allen, of New Jersey.

Comrade M. V. Stone, of New York.

Comrade Charles Cotter, of North Dakota.

Comrade Gideon Stolz, of Oregon.

Comrade Samuel A. Wheldon, of Rhode Island.

Comrade F. M. Underwood, of Tennessee.

Comrade J. E. Gandy, of Washington and Alaska.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. The council will come to order, and the secretary will call the roll. [The roll was then called and the names of those present were noted, as shown above.]

What business is there to come before the council at this time? I will just say that I will not announce the executive committee at this time, but I will make the appointment of the executive committee and it will be found in my first general order which will be issued in a few days—as soon as I return home. But I will just say there will be very few changes in the executive committee, if any. I want to have time to review the matter thoroughly and make no mistakes and make everybody as well satisfied as I can.

You may note in the record that I have appointed E. C. Condit assistant adjutant general, with residence at Fort Morgan. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established at Fort Morgan, Colo., and Comrade Condit, who is before you now and whom I introduce to all of you, will be assistant adjutant general in charge of the office.

Quartermaster General, have you anything to suggest?

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No; the committee not being completed.

Comrade NOLL. I would suggest that the commander in chief call upon the late chairman of the executive committee, Wright of Illinois, who is thoroughly posted in what is necessary to be done at this time.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. We will hear from Comrade Wright. He usually leads off in this. I remember he did when I was on the council. What have you got to offer, Comrade?

Comrade WRIGHT. I can only say, comrades, that the auditing committee appointed by the commander in chief to audit the accounts of the quartermaster general reported, showing \$6,500 in the hands of the quartermaster. Of that fund there was \$2,795 belonging to the Southern Memorial Fund that has not been used yet. That report was sent to the council, the last council meeting, and approved by them, and then referred back to the encampment. I have not a copy of that. I should think it would be well to suggest that the salaries that have been made in the past year, and for some years, be continued the same as they have been.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Including traveling expenses?

Comrade WRIGHT. Including traveling expenses.

Comrade FOSTER. Second the motion.

Commander in chief JEWEL. You have heard the motion, that the usual salaries that have been allowed to the various appointees and officers, and traveling expenses, be as they have been in years past—be allowed the same this year; and that you may understand, I will read them:

Eighteen hundred dollars as traveling expenses for the commander in chief; salary of the adjutant general, \$1,200; salary of the quartermaster general, \$500; salary of the secretary to the commander in chief, \$1,800; salary of the custodian of records, \$300; \$200 to the shorthand reporter; and to the retiring adjutant general \$200 for editing the journal of the encampment.

Comrade WRIGHT. I would move that the same amount be allowed to the outgoing adjutant general for the editing of the journal this year.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. You have heard the motion as made by Comrade Wright. All in favor of that say "aye," contrary "no." The secretary will so record it and reduce it to longhand and hand the adjutant general a copy of it.

Is there anything else to come before us?

Let me just say to the comrades, as I said this morning, that I want to visit as many departments as I can. A great many of the departments hold their encampments in the middle of the summer—that is, the middle of June. We could just as well, in some places, hold them in May, and some in April. I want to go and visit California this year. It is a rare thing that the commander in chief gets to visit California and Oregon, and I am going to see if I can not get to California and to their encampment in April. You could just as well make it then, couldn't you, Comrade Noll?

Comrade NOLL. I think it could be arranged.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. I want Washington to follow, and I want Oregon to follow Washington, so I can go to California and go up the coast and go to Washington and Oregon, and go down

and visit the boys in Montana, Idaho and North Dakota for the earlier encampments.

Then Florida has told me that they will hold their encampment in February. Also the Potomac has signified their willingness to hold theirs early in March, or by the middle of March, so that we can make the circuit around there and visit the boys of Florida and in Virginia, and down in Louisiana and Mississippi. The commander in chief has never visited them at all. Of course they are all colored boys. But they are men that wore the blue and carried a gun, and they are entitled to recognition just the same as the men whose skins are white. I am going to try to make it a point to go down and see those boys, if I can only stay there one day.

So when you get home just please remember this and kindly tell the boys that the commander in chief is a very common, ordinary sort of fellow—I was born in a log house. I lived in a log house without a floor until I was a boy 10 years old, and I had to go barefooted in the wintertime as well as the summer time, and you know I am not afraid at all of cottages and other small places.

Is there any more business?

Comrade FOSTER. Commander in chief, I am going to suggest whether you could not give us a program of your visits and send it to our department headquarters. Where it is possible for us to do it we will arrange so that you can be with us if you will give us a program.

Commander in Chief JEWELL. I had it in mind to arrange an itinerary and send a copy of it to every department.

Comrade FOSTER. Fine.

Comrade WRIGHT. Commander, I don't know how it is in other departments, but in Illinois when we are invited to a certain city, why they set the time when it will be convenient for us to come there. This year we met right on the same date that Iowa did. We got right on with Wisconsin and Minnesota, so that the commander in chief had to go up that way and could not come to Illinois. And if the committee when they come to make the final arrangements in these departments, why then they might suggest, if they had kind of an idea when the commander in chief would be in that section, and try and get a date that would suit him in that way if we knew about the other encampments near by. When Illinois this year went to Rock Island to arrange our plans we knew nothing about when Wisconsin or Indiana or Iowa were going to hold their encampments.

Commander in Chief JEWELL. That is the trouble. We have all been working each man for himself, and now this year we are going to try and work in harmony.

Comrade GANDY. We have a rainy season in the western part of Washington that is very bad in April. If you are going to come to California, say as late as the middle or the 10th of May, then Oregon and Washington would be able to take care of you toward the latter part of May. But we always have our encampments up there in June. Now we could arrange to have it about a month earlier if we could get you there. Instead of it being the middle of June we could put it forward as early as the middle of May. But it is awful

rainy, and I am sure that our department would not be willing to have to set their encampment as early as April.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. We will try and cooperate together. I will start this early in the first of the year. I know just where the boys are at, and I will ask them to accomodate themselves to my itinerary just as much as possible.

Comrade WHELDON. I will say that Rhode Island is a good ways off, but we would be very glad to have you visit us in April. But we know that it is hard for the commander in chief these late years to get around and visit all these places, and we would rather see you visit around in the western part of the country and if you can not get to us to send a substitute if you can. We would be very glad to welcome you and we will give you an invitation. We meet in April.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. If the Potomac meets in March, say about the 20th of March, I will arrange to go from Washington over to your place, and meet you there a little earlier.

If there is no other business a motion to adjourn will be in order.

Comrade DAVIDSON. I have a few words to say in regard to our State encampment. For several years we have been in the habit of holding our State encampment in the city of Louisville, and it has generally been the second week in May, principally from the reason that we have a large cemetery there and I am on the cemetery Memorial Day committee, and we like to get through with the State encampment about the second week in May, because we have plenty of other work to do from that on till Memorial Day. And I must say now that when I invited this last encampment to come back next year in May I naturally supposed that they understand it is always the second week in May, because that has been customary for several years past. We have held our State encampment in Louisville the second week in May.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. We will cooperate in this matter.

Comrade STOLZ. For Oregon we meet usually in June. The date is usually set later on. This year they voted to go to Coos Bay and afterwards reconsidered it on the ground that this coming year is our 50th anniversary of the organization of our department, and they felt that they ought to celebrate that day; and they voted to leave it to the commander and his staff to arrange for a big time at Portland. Portland has not entertained the encampment for nearly 30 years. They always want to go out to some other place because it is cheaper and they have a better time. But this year it is going to be held in Portland and they are planning to have a big time now.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. You could hold it in April, couldn't you, the latter part?

Comrade STOLZ. The same objection that the comrade from Washington makes. June is the close of our year. You can see that to hold it a month or two before will make a big difference in the department. A department ends its year, and usually tries to have its encampment near the close of that term, that year, which is from July to July. To hold it in April you can see what a difference it would make in the reports of the commander and the adjutant and all the officers. There is no closing. I can not see how you are going to accommodate yourself and ask the department to change its method of doing business.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. Well, I will tell you——

Comrade STOLZ. Why can't you come to Oregon or Washington at any other time, and we can have a big, rousing time for a day without an encampment?

Commander in Chief JEWEL. Yes; I can do that.

Comrade STOLZ. That is usually the way we have entertained our head officers. It is not necessary—it interferes with business of the encampment, and very often we are out in a small place where the accommodations are not good. But I believe that you can come to Portland, irrespective of our encampment, and that we will have a big celebration and give you a hearty reception.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. We will get that worked out.

Comrade STONE. There were two items in connection with this matter of arrangements that our quartermaster general here is quite familiar with. The matter of transportation is quite an item, and our eastern traffic associations have their periods for tourist accommodations, and our hotels quite generally conform to their convenience in a measure. We find ourselves limited in this way, that the hotels and transportation companies require our encampments all along the eastern coast, so far as I know, outside rather than interfering or crossing lines where we will interfere with the tourists' visitation. They have their regular excursion rates that are in force during the excursion period, and the hotels have their rates that they fix for those occasions, and yet both transportation associations and hotel associations wish to accommodate as far as possible—to show their best courtesy in the way of rates to us if we can accommodate ourselves to a period when we will not interfere with the tourist business. I simply speak of this in order that you may be informed and possibly may at times be able to meet some of these matters with this in view.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. I will just say if I can not go I shall detail somebody else that will be just as acceptable as myself.

Comrade WRIGHT. The comrades that have been on the council for some time know that we have had quite a little, not trouble particularly, but anxiety in our dealings as regards this Southern Memorial Fund, and that has been turned over now to the Woman's Relief Corps, and I think it would be perhaps to the interest of the comrades present to hear from the quartermaster as regards how that fund worked out this year, the first year that we have turned it over to the Woman's Relief Corps to distribute in the Southern States. I think that the quartermaster general can advise us as regards how that worked this year.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. Commander in chief, it worked well simply because the ladies took the matter in hand and they regulated the amounts to be given to each department. There are only eight departments that we contribute this fund to. We originally took care of those departments, and we saved money by the transaction. We found that some of the departments we had been sending the money to had been expending it for joy rides and traveling around the country from one place to the other. We made up our minds we would have no more of that, and this year we stopped that whole business. Every dollar that was spent this year was honestly expended for the purpose intended.

Comrade WRIGHT. I understand that some of the departments, where this money was sent from the Grand Army, was used for

transportation of the committee to the cemetery, and when they got there they had used up all the money and they could not buy any flowers. That matter came up and it was thought it was a good idea to turn it over to the Woman's Relief Corps and let them handle it.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. I think they have made a very wise distribution of that fund. Let me say to you, comrades—of course, I am new to this business. Every commander in chief has to learn something, and I will appreciate any suggestions from you boys that will in any way help me to make this a successful year.

If there is no other business, a motion to adjourn will be in order.

Comrade DAVIDSON. When you stated about the distribution of the Southern Memorial Fund, I just wanted to inform the council of administration that that does not include Kentucky.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. No, it does not include Kentucky.

Comrade DAVIDSON. Kentucky is recognized as southern. I wanted the council of administration to know that it was not included.

Quartermaster General STOWITS. You will find in the journal the eight States that are to be taken care of.

Comrade WRIGHT. Move we adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief JEWEL. It is now moved and seconded that we adjourn.

Comrade ALTENBERG. I am from Arkansas. For the last 20 years we have enjoyed the contribution for Memorial Day. If you take notice, there are only three posts in the State of Arkansas that receive any benefit from this memorial fund, and they are at Little Rock, Fort Smith, and Bentonville, and we would not receive it if it were not for the fact that there is a national cemetery at each of those three places. Now, last season and the season prior to that we received a contribution of \$100 to decorate the graves and prepare for Memorial Day.

Each year we have two celebrations, Lincoln's Birthday and Memorial Day, and I want to say to you of the West if you can reach Little Rock on Memorial Day I will see that you are well entertained, and I will see that the United States Army located at Camp Pike, with the State Guards, three or four thousands boys drilling, right in session now—I will see that the United States Army protects you, and you march with us to the national cemetery.

We have had a contribution of \$50 for that decoration of the graves at the national cemetery this past year. That don't one-half pay what is required. I have been a member there ever since there was an organization in Arkansas, 37 or 40 years, and I know this, that the people of Little Rock will contribute liberally to honor the Grand Army boys each year. It is then with the council of administration for the State of Arkansas or Department of Arkansas to divide that, and we generally give most of it to the ladies' auxiliary because without the ladies' auxiliary at Little Rock there would be a small procession go to the national cemetery. Fifty dollars is all we receive. You can have vouchers whenever you want to see them by calling upon the quartermaster general, post or State. I am glad you called that up. When Colonel Fowler was commander that question was raised once that the contribution was squandered

or was not used properly, but Colonel Fowler at the head of the department furnished vouchers to the national encampment at Saratoga, N. Y. If you recollect, it rained all day that time. Now we will pass that.

Mr. Commander, if you will notify our commander, Department Commander Samuel Henderson—he has been here with us during this encampment—we would be pleased to arrange for a Memorial Day celebration and include our national commander. If you make the trip to visit the ocean and on your way back from Florida stop off at Little Rock on Memorial Day we will drive you out there, with the school children and the Confederates. We will have two or three Confederate speakers. But when you get to the gate you can not go in with the Confederate flag. This last Memorial Day when we got to the park, all the ex-Confederates that came there—the ex-Confederates came with their flags attached to their automobiles, and the superintendent of the national cemetery notified them that they could not enter there in a memorial procession with the Federal Army and the colonel of the regiment with the Confederate flag, and they did not come in there. [Applause.] They did not come in there. I am against the flag business. But if you come there and you invite a friend that wants to carry his Confederate flag, you need not come.

Commander in Chief JEWEL. It has been moved and seconded that we now adjourn to meet at the call of the commander in chief. All favorable say “aye,” contrary “no.” We are adjourned.

MINUTES OF ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES, ALLIED WITH GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 24, 1930.

The eleventh annual conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, was held in the main ballroom of Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, August 24, 1930.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order by the vice president, Mrs. Lillian Clark-Carey, at 4.45 p. m., chaplain in chief, Rev. J. King Gibson offering prayer.

Our president having arrived, Mrs. Beverstock took the chair, and all joined in singing "America" (Mrs. Clara H. Kurtz of Ohio, at the piano), followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Beverstock welcomed the members and guests, and explained that she had been detained by a traffic jam.

Roll call of voting members showed there were present, from the—

Grand Army of the Republic	7
Woman's Relief Corps	14
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	6
Daughters of Union Veterans	9
Sons of Union Veterans	6
Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans	13
Past officers	3
Total	58

The room was well filled with nonvoting members, showing the growing interest in the Federated Patriotic Societies.

Minutes of the tenth annual conference were read and approved. Annual report of the president showed great interest in the work, and that exerted efforts had been put forth to further it; report of vice president gave an account of much letter writing and many speeches made in behalf of the work.

Report of secretary-treasurer was read. A financial report showed—

Receipts:	
Balance on hand last report	\$109. 83
From dues (5 organizations \$25 each)	125. 00
Interest on deposit	6. 05
Total Receipts	240. 88

Disbursements:

Typing reports and printing-----	\$9. 10
Stationery-----	7. 25
Printing by-laws-----	21. 00
Multigraphing letters-----	2. 00
Postage-----	7. 56
Printing notices and postals (annual meeting)-----	4. 00
Total disbursements-----	50. 91
Balance on hand, August 24-----	189. 97

Reports of officers accepted.

Reports of State and local units followed. Mrs. Pauley reported that Indiana was doing all in its power to further the cause. Mrs. Basham and Mrs. Carey reported for Iowa, saying they were but 2 years old, but were patterning after the national organization, and thriving. Comrade Merrell of Kansas voiced his belief in the federation, and Mrs. Baker reported that they had increased their officers to six, with six trustees, all elected.

Mary Rogan said that Missouri was gaining much benefit from the organization.—Brother Park Yengling, delegate from Ohio, told of their splendid federation, and that it was his belief that much good would be accomplished. For Oklahoma, Mrs. Baker said they had failed to function this year, but that she would assist them next year; Mary May gave a splendid report for Rhode Island, saying they had held five meetings with much enthusiasm. Report from Vermont was that they had failed to function. Mrs. Campbell reported that Minnesota was well started, and working; Brother Pratt said that the Quad Cities Federation was well organized and prospering.

Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, chairman of Patriotic Societies publicity investigation committee read a most comprehensive report, showing that a most thorough investigation had been made, and that on the whole the matter was not approved.

Moved by Mrs. Bender that report of committee be accepted, and the matter be laid on the table—Brother Pratt seconded the motion and thanked the committee for its work. Motion carried.

Commander in Chief of the Grand Army Edwin J. Foster was called upon for remarks and spoke briefly. Past Commander in Chief Willett said that in his opinion the greatest need of the federation was "pep," harmony, and solidity of purpose.

Past Commander in Chief Arehnsberg expressed his belief in the federation, and Past Commander in Chief Reese said he was thoroughly in sympathy with the project, and bespoke a great future for good of country through its efforts. "Sleep not nor slumber in effort to uphold the principals for which the Civil War veterans fought," was the message of Past Commander in Chief King.

The heads of allied organizations were introduced—Mrs. Bennett of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Rowling, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Miss Hurd, Daughter of Union Veterans; Mrs. Lange, Auxiliary of Union Veterans; and Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Theodore C. Cazeau, all spoke briefly. Capt. Robert Bunge, chairman of local committee, expressed his pleasure in serving the various organizations.

Election of officers being next in order, Mrs. Lillian Clark-Carey, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was nominated for president, nomination numerously seconded. There being no further nominations the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, and Mrs. Carey was declared elected.

Miss Hazel Riley, Daughters of Union Veterans, was nominated for vice president. Miss Riley declined. Miss Grace Hurd, Daughters of Union Veterans was nominated for vice president, nomination duly seconded, secretary cast ballot, and Miss Hurd declared elected.

Greetings from federation were ordered sent to President of United States on motion regularly seconded. Singing of "God be With You Till We Meet Again" closed the business session and all adjourned to the foyer of the ball room where 181 were seated at beautifully flag and flower decorated tables.

Chaplain in Chief Gibson offered grace, after which all joined in the pledge of allegiance and singing the Ohio State song, a most delightful banquet was enjoyed and the following toasts responded to, Brother Pratt acting as toast master:

Grand Army of the Republic, Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster; The Trust, Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, president, National Woman's Relief Corps; The Last Measure, Mrs. Cora J. Rowling, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Charity, Mrs. Ida B. Lange, national president, Auxiliary, Sons of Veterans, Civil War; Memories, Miss Grace Hurd, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans, Civil War; The Unfinished Work, Theodore C. Cazeau, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans, Civil War; and Changing the Guard, Mrs. Blanche Beverstock.

A most interesting and instructive address on National Defense was given by Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, past national president, Woman's Relief Corps.

Our newly elected president, Mrs. Lillian Clark-Carey was introduced and spoke most feelingly. All comrades of the Grand Army were asked to speak, as were Captain Bunge, and Mrs. Dickerson, chairman of the woman's division of the encampment committee. The entire program was interspersed with music.

Reverend Gibson pronounced the benediction, and we left for the activities of our several conventions, feeling that this meeting of the federation had given us a background whereby we would legislate more wisely, and the history of the deeds of the Grand Army of the Republic would be safer, because of our having been together.

Supplemental report of treasurer:

Balance on hand, August 24, 1930.....	\$189. 97
Banquet expenses, guests, tips, decorations, etc.....	\$64. 00
H. M. Pratt, printing program.....	7. 78
Total expense.....	71. 78
Balance on hand.....	118. 19

The foregoing minutes of the eleventh annual conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, are approved as the official record of said conference.

BLANCHE BEVERSTOCK, *President.*
GRACE L. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS CAMP FIRE AND PARADE

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, HELD IN MUSIC HALL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 25, 1930

Capt. Robert C. Bunge, general chairman Citizens' Committee, presiding.

While the audience was assembling, beginning at 7.30 p. m., a concert was given by the United States Marine Band of Washington, D. C., Capt. Taylor Branson, director.

Chairman BUNGE. (8 p. m.). Rev. J. King Gibson will now offer prayer.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON, of Dayton, Ohio. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. We adore Thee from the past, not only for Thy greatness and power, but especially for the goodness which enables us and encourages us to call Thee our Father. Thy gentleness hath made us great. We do not forget that Thou hast created of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth and hath determined the bounds of their habitation. In Thy gracious appointment Thou hast planted in our land a Christian people and given them dominion over a once mighty wilderness. Not unto us but unto Thy name be the praise. This land we love, cherish, and defend is a gift from Thee.

We beseech Thee to preserve it from discord, from the hand of the destroyer, and from national sin, that we may use our inheritance for the good of mankind. To this end bless our President, the governors of our various States, our schools, churches and hospitals, our Army and Navy, and the city in which we meet, with its mayor and inhabitants of every rank and condition. Bless the whole world, binding its people in a common brotherhood, and hasten that one far-off divine event to which the whole of creation moves, that nation shall no longer rise up against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. In the name of the world's Redeemer. Amen.

Chairman BUNGE. There is nothing more fitting than for the representatives of such patriotic groups as these to open these ceremonies with that piece that we all love so well and as it can be played only by this wonderful United States Marine Band. We will rise while they play the Star-Spangled Banner. [Music by the United States Marine Band.]

Who could there be with soul so dead that could listen to that piece and not be thrilled from the soul. I think we need more United States Marine Bands to play that as that was played in all assemblies throughout the Nation. I think then we could lose that fear that has been slowly creeping into a great many of us that things are not just as they should be, that some way there has crept into our Government life or into the life of our citizens an insidious

ideal of communism. I have had this fear for quite some time, but when I look out at an audience like this made up of the finest bunch of patriotic people that we have ever gotten together, I feel that the dearest thing in America and the safety of our people and our people's children is secure so long as we go throughout the United States preaching the gospel of true Americanism. [Applause.]

To-night sees the beginning of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations. The first piece of work that was completed to make this convention possible and to bring to it a tone of governmental approval was a short letter written to Congressman Hess asking him if it was not possible to bring the United States Marine Band to our convention. Without even answering that letter, this man introduced into the House H. R. 10082, and within a period of three weeks it passed both Houses, and the Government appropriated money to bring the band to Cincinnati at no cent of cost to us. So I believe it fitting that Congressman Hess welcomes you in the name of the Nation. Congressman Hess. [Applause.]

Hon. WILLIAM E. HESS. Mr. Chairman, honored guests, and ladies and gentlemen, in behalf of the Nation I am privileged to greet the surviving members of that former great host of the Grand Army of the Republic. The people of Cincinnati appreciate to the full the honor of your presence here and the Nation rejoices at every opportunity your gathering affords to pay homage to the men who served with distinction in the Civil War. Theirs was the great task of reuniting our country, and time has but added to their laurels in recognition of an accomplishment done once and forever. Never again, we feel, may civil war raise its blood-stained standard in our fair land. The Blue and the Gray now march together with mutual respect, as friends and comrades. Their descendants cherish the one flag flying over us—loved, honored, and revered by all the people of this United States.

We of this generation who have experienced the hardships and sacrifices of a World War can now better understand the hardships and sacrifices of your long journey from Fort Sumter to Appomattox. You acted in the Nation's time of trial with the faith and courage of crusaders. The Union Must Be Preserved was your battle cry, and it was preserved by your valor and patriotism. That glorious achievement can never be dimmed. It has been the incentive to make our Nation great. It, together with the Emancipation Proclamation of the immortal Lincoln, closed a fateful chapter in our country's history.

Time has healed the wounds of internal strife and all Americans recognize the debt they owe you and your departed comrades. May this veneration of your countrymen be the sustaining strength of your declining years, and may those years be full of blessed content and of fond memories in the knowledge of a life well spent. We salute you. [Applause.]

Chairman BUNGE. Congressman Hess, I know that I express the appreciation of the citizens of Cincinnati for what you have done to make this convention a success. Tonight sees the realization of something that I have wanted for a long time. Our next speaker is a man who has been called on personally by myself a hundred

times in the last year or two to do something that had something to do with the soldiers. At a great deal of inconvenience to himself in many cases, with a sticktoitiveness in accomplishing the purpose when he sets out, he never once has failed us. I am proud that the Governor of the State of Ohio comes from the Queen City of the West. [Applause.] We in Cincinnati know through some trouble that we have been in, in the last month or two, that it took the strong hand of the governor to straighten us out in our difficulties. He came to Cincinnati and we are a better Cincinnati for having had him come during those times. I want you to know that it has been his continued effort to make this success, especially in bringing the governors of other States here. When they would refuse he would write again. How many will be here on Friday I do not know, but I do know the Governor of West Virginia and perhaps of Kentucky will be with us. So without any further remarks, may I say I am awfully happy to introduce the Governor of the State of Ohio, Myers Cooper. [Applause.]

HON. MYERS Y. COOPER, Governor of the State of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, commander, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is my very happy privilege as Governor of Ohio to extend to you, the boys of Sixty-one the felicitations and welcome to the entire citizenry of our State. The Civil War record of the boys in blue is a great pride to every Ohioan. It is an illuminated page in our history as fascinating as it is thrilling.

Your national encampment is being held in a State that gave forth 340,000 of the flower of its valorous youth to the cause of freedom. They never faltered in their patriotic devotion until liberty and nationality were enthroned forever as a protectorate of our free institutions. We welcome you here as survivors of the greatest epoch in American history. But for that achievement, Washington would have striven in vain, popular government would have died, and the idealism which triumphed in the Spanish-American and World Wars would not have appeared in history and eventuated in victory. In short, the supremacy of our country in material and spiritual values, ladies and gentlemen, is directly due to the sacrificial service of our guests and their comrades both living and dead whom we honor to-night. We greet them in the language of Ohio's incomparable bard of oratory "With cheers for the living and tears for the dead," we uncover and salute them.

You have long since won our hearts. We have coveted this opportunity to share our hospitality. It is fine, my friends, to have the G. A. R. as the guests of Cincinnati and the State of Ohio. [Applause.] The story of their achievements can not be condensed into a few words. We can barely trace its outline. It is a wonderful story with a Heaven-inspired leader who towers to-day with ever-enlarging influence, the greatest mere man the world has ever known—Abraham Lincoln. Right triumphed over wrong; freedom over tyranny; progress over decadence; and human bondage was exiled into the jungles of that barbarism from which it came. [Applause.]

Any man who had a part in this deathless achievement has lived a life triumphant, enshrined forever in the hearts and memory of a great and grateful people.

When the tocsin of war was sounded, you hurled yourselves into the vortex of the strife, wading streams of blood, scaling summits bristling with death-dealing artillery, falling into unmarked graves, languishing in hospitals of pain, and starving in prison pens of torture, indifferent to all suffering and fearless of all foes.

You men were inspired by your great leaders—Thomas at Chickamauga, Sheridan at Winchester, Meade at Gettysburg, Sherman in his march to the sea, Grant, the great idol of every Boy in Blue, at Vicksburg, Shiloh and in the Wilderness. [Applause.] You remember the silent soldier who, upon every occasion when he was tempted to release his bull-dog grip on the rebellion, his quick answer at Shiloh when in response to the suggestion that there would not be enough pontoons to carry the troops over the river in case of retreat. Grant said, "When I order a retreat there'll be enough pontoons left to carry the soldiers out." [Applause.] And you remember his sardonic reply to the report that reached him in the Wilderness that Lee was in his rear, as he stood there with his back against a tree and his face against a cigar, when he firmly replied, "If Lee is in my rear, then I am in his rear. Let the fighting go on." [Applause.]

It was that spirit that permeated the soldiers that fought under the eagles of these mighty leaders and made Appomattox possible. We know the source of the patriotic greatness in these volunteer soldiers. It was soaked into them in the muddy trenches where they tried in vain to sleep. It was chilled into them through long and lonely picket duty. It was drilled in by sleet, hail, and rain. It was frozen in by snow, ice, and cold. It was starved in by half rations and no rations. It was shot in by grape and canister. It was thrust in by saber and bayonet. It was trampled in by the iron hosts of charging cavalry. It was pushed in by artillery wheels. It was ground in by the relentless discipline of a war without precedent. [Applause.]

For loftiness of ideals, impulse of humanitarianism, courage of conviction, and sacrifice unto death there is neither precedent nor parallel for the Civil War and the courageousness of the Union soldier. [Applause.] We must remember that this was an American war, with the best of fighting blood on either side to be found in all the world. It was Henry Ward Beecher, who, in the presence of a hostile audience in England during the war, when challenged with the question, "Why haven't you Yankees put down the rebellion in 60 days as you said you would?"—and this was his thunderous reply, "Because we are fighting Americans and not British; that is why." [Applause.] That was the explanation of the prolonged war. You can kill an American but you can not whip him. [Applause.]

What do the sacrifices made by this fast receding army mean to you and to me? Its message first of all is loyalty to the flag which was lifted out of that great civil struggle, bullet riddled and fire singed, but a thousand times more beautiful because of its baptism in blood. It means we must maintain that flag, not as a spectacular banner, but as a solemn signal—the symbol of the power and authority of a Nation with such sympathy toward the weak and firmness toward the strong that the whole world shall recognize the secret of our strength in our love of liberty, devotion to justice, and consecration to humanity. [Applause.]

It means also individual responsibility in the maintenance of our constitutional form of government, a Government which has stood the test of time for 150 years with increasing opportunities and blessings for all the people.

Lincoln once said, "If this Government ever ceases to exist it will be the result of self-destruction. We must live to the end of time or die by suicide." He thus stressed the necessity for that law observance which is at the very foundation of all orderly government, without which it disintegrates and perishes.

It was for the maintenance of such a Government that you fought and which we must maintain if we are to prove to be worthy heirs of such sacred patrimony.

It is your glory, having abandoned the ordinary pursuits of life and enlisted in a war which continued for four years to divert you from civil to military activities, that when the war was over you returned to the forge, the farm, and the factory to resume the activities of life and to contribute to the industrial, civil, and spiritual upbuilding of America. Your ranks were requisitioned for public service. Leaders in this great conflict have figured not only in American but in world progress.

To-night, inspired by the story of your patriotic devotion in time of war, your ennobling influence in time of peace, we here and now dedicate ourselves anew to the principles for which you and your compatriots heroically lived and gloriously died—dedicating ourselves without reserve to the principles "that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." [Applause.]

Chairman BUNGE. Governor Cooper, in the name of the citizens' committee of Cincinnati, we thank you for all the trouble that you have gone to, for the wonderful stirring words that you have uttered here to-night, and I am awfully glad to say that on Friday's boat ride to the birthplace of General Grant we will be able to hear you again.

We will now hear a selection by the United States Marine Band.

("Grand Army Patrol," United States Marine Band.)

Chairman BUNGE. I never had an ambition to be President of the United States, but this is the President's band, and I believe there is an ambition born. I want the audience to know and face and see the man who, since his arrival, the man in charge of this band, has been most cooperative—Capt. Taylor Branson. Will you stand up and salute the audience? [Applause.]

I regret exceedingly to have to announce the fact that our mayor, Hon. Russell Wilson, can not be here. I think, however, that you ought to know that the mayor of our city has done some things to make this encampment possible that no other person has ever done before. Russell Wilson without a question during our financial troubles in Cincinnati sent a letter out to the important people of this town who could afford to give, under his name as mayor of Cincinnati, requesting them not to let Cincinnati fail in her known hospitality. So I pay my tribute in his absence to Russell Wilson.

However, we are exceedingly fortunate that our city has a vice mayor, and without any further introduction I present to you Stanley Matthews, the vice mayor of the city of Cincinnati. [Applause.]

Hon. STANLEY MATTHEWS, vice mayor of Cincinnati. Mr. Chairman, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies, and gentlemen, the significance of this occasion in our city's history is so clear that he who runs may read. We are privileged to do honor more than 65 years after the event to the survivors of those who personally took part in the conflict that decided for all time the dispute that had existed from the ratification of the Constitution concerning the exact nature of the relation of the States to the National Government. For more than three-quarters of a century statesmen and constitutional lawyers had argued while reason was supplanted by passion and nationalism by sectionalism. It was the blood of the "irrepressible conflict" that made this our nation one and indivisible.

During those ante-bellum days when the rising tide of passion was gradually but surely submerging the spirit of moderation and conciliation, Cincinnati, situated on the Ohio side of the Mason and Dixon line, was subjected to every cross current of interest and sentiment. With her trade interests largely to the south, she was nevertheless an important terminus of the "underground railroad." It was here that Harriet Beecher Stowe got the inspiration for *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. But at the same time Stephen C. Foster living here caught the spirit of the old South and translated it into song; and from across the river floated the strains of his *My Old Kentucky Home*.

It was within a stone's throw of this place that Mr. Lincoln in 1859 addressed his remarks to those of the South, warning them of the hopelessness of an armed conflict, and it was here that he stopped on his way to his first inauguration to repeat that warning. Conflicting interests, emotions, and sentiments there were; and then Sumter fell—the flag had been fired upon—and the conflicting sentiments were crystallized into the dominating sentiment of love for the Union.

The war-time history of Cincinnati is one of devotion to the Union and to that cause she contributed soldiers and all that was necessary to carry war to a triumphant conclusion. It would not be possible to mention all the soldiers of Cincinnati who distinguished themselves in that conflict. Some of them still live and are here to welcome their former comrades in arms.

It was here that Grant and Sherman met to plan the "March to the Sea," and it was here that T. Buchanan Reed wrote "Sheridan's Ride" immediately following the news of General Sheridan's dramatic dash down the Shenandoah Valley from Winchester, where he heard "The rumble and grumble and roar; and knew the battle was on once more."

As soldiers returned from the front, wounded and sick, war-time Cincinnati provided food, shelter, and nursing, and helped them on their homeward journey. The Civil War was no remote and shadowy thing to Cincinnati. Being the most southerly of northern cities a visit by the intrepid cavalry leaders of the South was imminent at all times.

I recite these things that you may know that the welcome we extend to you has in it some reminiscence of the actuality of that mighty conflict. Gone and forgotten, however, are all sectional

animosities and prejudices. There is no North, nor South, nor East, nor West in patriotic attachment. The triumph of the cause for which you fought is more complete and assured than that won by the arbitrament of arms alone.

Appomattox was only a milestone in the progress of the national ideal. The so-called "lost cause" for which many of your countrymen fought and died so gallantly and which was in reality a local patriotism and a step in the development of the larger patriotism has found itself in the larger patriotism.

You, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the affiliated societies—the Woman's Relief Corps, the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary—are gathered here from every State of the Union to fraternize, renew old friendships, recall heroic deeds, make plans for future service to humanity and to rejoice in the unanimity with which your labors and sacrifices are now regarded as a universal blessing, and we, on our part, profoundly conscious of our debt of gratitude, welcome you as the survivors of our one Civil War and as participants in the binding up of the wounds of the Nation so that to-day the wounds are healed and no scar remains to mar our national life. [Applause.]

Chairman BUNGE. Mr. Vice Mayor, the Citizens Committee extend their thanks for substituting for Mayor Wilson to-night. This may not be quite in order—there is one thing I think you forgot to do, and the reason I think you forgot is because certain of the ladies organizations allied with the G. A. R. came to me looking around my office to-day, and they wanted to know where the key of the city was. I have not found it. Perhaps Vice Mayor Matthews has it.

Everything must have a beginning. The beginning of this Sixty-fourth Encampment is the child born in the mind of a G. A. R. veteran of Cincinnati, Mr. Secrest. To bring that child up into full manhood required the backing of organizations. To represent the many industries of Cincinnati Mr. Secrest wisely went to the chamber of commerce. The chamber of commerce wisely turned it to their convention bureau, and at this time I am going to let you see the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau—two of the most active, thorough, detailed, painstaking women that I have ever known. I have reference to Miss Amy V. Pace and Miss Ethel Rubin. Miss Pace is manager of the convention bureau of Cincinnati, and Miss Rubin her efficient little secretary. The reason particularly I want you to see these two people is to show you that we have a chamber of commerce, the head of which is an executive, because he picks the right kind of people to take care of its business.

I feel deeply in this introduction because the man is not only the president of the chamber of commerce but he has been my loyal, good friend for 25 years. Mr. William Licht, the president of Cincinnati's Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. WILLIAM LICHT. Mr. Chairman and fellow Americans, having had an opportunity such as Mr. Bunge gave you to see this very

efficient staff of the convention bureau of the chamber of commerce, you must realize what a pleasure it is to be president of that organization. [Applause.]

Mr. Bunge made some mention of the key to the city of Cincinnati. We have thrown the doors so wide open we have taken the locks and hinges off of them [applause], so that there is no need of a key.

However, there are traditions that must be observed. I can vouch for the fact that there reposes in the mayor's office a very beautiful gold key in a glass case. If some of the old timers would like to have the key presented, I will be only too glad to send a detail of boys over to the mayor's office to break in the door and bring the key over here. [Applause.]

I am asked to welcome you on behalf of the civic organizations of this city. To express to you mere words of welcome would be empty and meaningless unless those words reflected something of the spirit that was in the hearts of our people and unless you found on coming in contact with our citizens that they met you with open hearts and open countenances and cordially welcomed you individually as you met them. That is the kind of welcome we tender you. We want each of you as you meet our citizens to feel that each individual citizen realizes his responsibility to you in order that you shall feel welcome in our midst.

And that is little enough to ask of our citizens when they are called upon, to remember that in the morning of life-time you went forward and laid upon the altars of the Nation all that you had to give, even unto life itself. You offered it freely and gladly in order that this Nation might survive and might be true to the principles laid down by its founders, and having gone forth in the morning and having accomplished the task to which you set yourselves, you turned back and laid your hand upon the plowshare and turned a new furrow in which the seeds of citizenship and patriotism were planted again that they might grow and grow and grow until this day, until this afternoon of your lives.

You have seen the Nation grow from ox carts to airplanes, from the pony express to the radio. You have helped to make this Nation grow from those grim dark days of relentless horrors of war to her present proud position, the greatest and mightiest upon earth. To these things you have contributed, and now at evening time you have come here to our house to spend a few hours with us at our fireside, to fraternize with us, to give us an opportunity to shake you by the hand and look you in the face and to try as best we may to reflect back to you the happy smiles that I see upon all of your faces.

And as we sit around this fireside, you have brought with you your sons and daughters and those loyal organizations of men and women who have pledged themselves that the principles for which you suffered should be carried on and that your memory should survive. And they, too, are welcome in our midst and welcome at our fireside.

And we do more than welcome you. We humbly thank you. We hope that we may in these few hours "fetch and carry" for you, that we may serve you in such manner as may be possible—for it is little enough to do.

And we thank you for something else. We thank you for the opportunity that you have given for these young boys and girls that you have seen springing to your side during this day in their anxiety to serve you. You have made history to them something real, you have passed on a living spark of patriotism. Their histories now will be something more than a matter of books and pictures. They can say that they have touched the hands of those men that have made history for this Nation, and, my friends, though we may sometimes fear that in the future there may come dark clouds, I want you to look into the faces of these boys and girls and I think you will feel with me that so long as we have groups of such to spring to your side, sir, that America is safe. [Applause.]

And so we do more than welcome you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this opportunity that you have given us, and we pray that we may be equal to the opportunity in giving service to you. And as you go to your homes, as you will eventually, we hope that you will carry away with you a few recollections, the memory of a few kindnesses that we have been able to extend, and we know that we will cherish far, far, more, and for a longer time, the memory of the days that you have spent with us. We wish you a happy meeting with us. We hope this fireside meeting will not be the last, and we pledge to you from the bottom of our hearts the strength of our souls that the things for which you stand are the things for which we stand, and the things which we hope to teach our boys and girls to stand for, not only in their generation but to hand down to generations yet unborn. [Applause.]

Chairman BUNGE. And I have known him for 25 years. [Applause.] And I have never heard him make a speech like that before. [Applause.] Only because Bill has always been rather restrained. I understand now why he is the president of the chamber of commerce. [Applause.]

We will now have a selection by the Marine Corps Band.

(Song of the Marching Men, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman BUNGE. Somehow men usually are rather reticent in expressing their love for some one else. Eight months ago a fine upright, upstanding aged gentleman came to Cincinnati and I met him for the first time. When things looked dark and looked gloomy he came to Cincinnati again, and by his encouragement and his faith in we Cincinnatians he contributed as much to the success of this encampment as any man in Cincinnati. If such a thing is possible for one man to love another, I publicly say that I love Edwin J. Foster, the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief EDWIN J. FOSTER. Mr. Chairman, representatives of our Nation, State, and city, my comrades, auxiliary and allied associations, citizens and radio audience:

As commander in chief of one of the most beloved organizations in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic, I am proud to bring to you the greetings of 49,000 old boys left of the 2,700,000 men who answered the first call and the last call of the greatest man that this country or any other country ever produced—Abraham Lincoln [applause], who made it possible for you people to be here living in a united country, the largest and richest country in the world.

What a privilege has been accorded us through the efforts and kindness of Capt. Robert C. Bunge, general chairman of this great organization which you see here to-night. I will say, yes; and thousands of others here in this city. I do not wonder that your citizens have given to him your confidence which is certain to produce results that will be pleasing to all. He has proven himself the right man in the right place. [Applause.]

We were in hopes to have with us this evening a man whom we all love and respect, our President, Hon. Herbert Hoover [applause], but as that was impossible, we are delighted with his selection to represent him, a man from your own city and a man who has attained prominence in our country's affairs as a Member of Congress, the Hon. William E. Hess, who has spoken so beautifully to us this evening, and to him we return our sincere thanks.

To Governor Cooper, a man whom I know you all love by the way that you responded when he got up to talk to you, I want to say that it was very nice of you, Governor, to come to us and express yourself in the way you have, and I wish to assure you we appreciate very much your being with us here this evening. [Applause.]

To your vice mayor, Mr. Matthews, I trust our people will behave so well that your police will have plenty of room for them. [Laughter.]

Now, people, I want to say this to you, because I am honest in saying it. We are going to like Cincinnati and its citizens, for we can not help it. It is a beautiful city and it has a fine public spirit. [Applause.] You are going to give to the Civil War veterans and allied associations a great welcome. We know that, for we can feel it in the air; and, further, we are going to have the privilege of seeing the birthplace of a man we all love, the greatest general that ever commanded an army—Ulysses Simpson Grant. [Applause.]

Now, good people, just remember that the boat leaves at 9 a. m. on Friday to take that trip.

To Mr. Licht, president of the chamber of commerce, I realize the hard work your organization has put in in bringing about this gathering. I wish to compliment your official personnel, especially Miss Amy V. Pace, manager of the convention bureau, and her worthy assistant, Miss Ethel Rubin. The response of the citizens is evidence of Cincinnati's appreciation of your body. I know I am expressing the sentiment of all our old boys when I say that we are anticipating the best time in our lives with you in your grand old city this week. [Applause.] Now you will notice that I did not say "last time," for we will carry on as long as there is one comrade left to hold the flag. [Great applause.] Perhaps we will be with you again. We thank you all for this splendid public welcome.

The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique body of men who have always believed in church and schools, and that our public schools are the foundation of our country. We believe the people of this country should never lose sight of the difference between treason and loyalty. One means life to the nation; the other death. And there is no language strong enough to bring them into harmony. The Grand Army stands for order; it stands for rightful authority with the rule of the majority, and there is no comrade in this room who would not be willing, in my opinion, to lay down his life for his

country to-day if it were necessary. [Applause.] And he would do it just as he was willing to lay down his life for his country three score and over years ago.

We believe in our flag, the most beautiful flag on earth. It belongs to the greatest country on earth. The country that this flag belongs to never lost a war. [Applause.] And we believe still further—now listen to this—that any American citizen, so-called, who is not willing to subscribe to this should be forcibly, if necessary, reminded that the gate that let him into this country swings both ways. [Applause.]

We believe in the Constitution of the United States of America, and that it is the supreme law of the land, and that it must be obeyed. Merely to be an American citizen means nothing, for many of you are born citizens and have no choice but to be an American citizen. But it is the kind of an American citizen you are that counts.

We believe in preparedness and that our country should have as large a Navy as any other country in the world. Our country has nothing to fear from without, but it is from within our portals that danger lurks, where the seed of communism is being allowed to be sown.

I am glad to note the World War boys are interesting themselves in this matter.

Let us recall the order given by General Washington to one of his generals. When he came to him and said, "General Washington, we are going to be attacked to-night," General Washington said to him, "Put none but Americans on guard to-night." [Applause.] We believe that if that was appropriate at that time it is even more so at the present time. [Applause.] Obedience of law is liberty. If every man and woman in our country would obey the law they will have all the liberty that our country has to give.

America, America the land of the free. No State line can circumscribe our citizens. When you have said, "I am an American," you have claimed the broadest title that can come to man. When I was in Washington I could go into the White House and take my affairs to the ruler of this Republic, the greatest Republic in all ages, without any red tape or ceremony, and present to him my claims and my thought and present to him matters that our encampment one year ago placed in my keeping, and I could do it with just the same ease that I could stand here and talk to you. In no other country on earth could that thing happen. [Applause.]

The Grand Army of the Republic is now a vanishing unit. No power on earth can ever add another man or soldier to the Civil War. There is no Lincoln to make the call; there is no Grant to command; there is no Sheridan, Hancock, or Logan to make the charge. There is no bugle that can sound retreat for us.

Our march is onward, ever onward to the last. Our wish is that you may realize that what our country needs to-day, as much or more than any time during our existence, is true Americanism and patriotism.

That we are living amidst perilous conditions is quite apparent to those who give thought to the future and want to do their part to-day to make the future better for our posterity than the present is for us. This country affords an inexhaustible field for patriotic endeavors. No one who loves his country need mourn for something

to do. I have a vision of glorious possibilities for statesmen of this nature in the future years. Citizens, the interests of this country depend upon your future action. Get together and let your motto be, "Put none but Americans on guard."

And now, fellow citizens, while my time is limited I think I ought to say a few more words to you which I feel satisfied you will be pleased to hear. I am going to quit. [Applause.]

Chairman BUNGE. You see, folks, before Commander Foster spoke, I told you I loved him. I know now that Cincinnati will love him. I know that you in all your organizations love him, because nobody could have heard that address without feeling the bigness of heart of this man and the masterful summing up of the situation as it exists in this country to-day. So once more I say Cincinnati and all of us love him.

The Marine Band will favor us with a short selection.

(Music by the band.)

At 4 o'clock this afternoon I received a telephone call from Columbus and the governor said, "I am leaving now, I will be there on time." The governor has just requested to be allowed to return to Columbus to-night again, as he has an important engagement in the morning. It means that if he leaves now it will be 1 o'clock when he gets home. He says that by doing this he will be back with us again by 9 o'clock on Friday morning. All in favor of granting him this permission say "aye."

(The band plays "Hail to the Chief" as the governor retires.)

We are glad to have an opportunity to find out how good Edwin J. Foster is. I am turning the gavel over to him to call upon those glorious organizations which are allied with us. Commander Foster.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I just want to say to you in taking charge that I hope that I will not have to throw this mallet down at your heads to keep you quiet.

To my very dear friend, and a man that I have learned to love since I have been trying to make this deal go through—he did it all himself—I can truly say that I have never met a man that in as short acquaintance—you notice how he has handled this business so splendidly this evening—it has never been my privilege to meet anyone that seemed to be as willing and anxious and earnest to do something for the old boys as he has. And let me tell you something, and don't let's forget it. He was in the World War. [Applause.] He served as a captain and he paid for it. I think he has been wounded some seven or eight or nine times—I don't know how many—too many I guess to count. And he has gotten through in the condition that he is to-day and is the finest man that I have ever met in favor of our old boys and fighting for us.

Our old boys when I call the next speaker will recognize somebody that they have taken into their hearts more than anybody else, and the reason why I am calling her is because I want you to hear one of the grandest old ladies—excuse me for using the expression, but it fits. Alice Cary Risley, national president of the Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

Mrs. ALICE CARY RISLEY, of Alexandria, La. Commander in Chief. Mr. Chairman, members of the affiliated societies, and my comrades, I bring you the greetings from the National Association of Army

Nurses. There are very few of us left—only 11 on our roster. Out of that 11 only three were able to make this trip to Cincinnati. Our ages—we are not ashamed to tell that any more—83 to 100, and there are only two in the 83. The rest are all in the nineties.

The work of the Army Nurses was done when you were in the service, so I have no report to make. But I would like to say if there are any comrades here who were in the Thirteenth Army Corps, Department of the Gulf, that were in any of the hospitals at New Orleans, I would like to talk over old times with you. I remember the Sixteenth, Forty-second, Eighty-third, and One hundred and fourteenth Ohio who were in that department, and I think Sergeant Williams who had charge of distributing rations belonged to the Ninety-sixth Ohio.

It might interest any of you who were up Red River in the Banks' expedition to tell you that I am now living in Alexandria, and I have even seen where Bailey built the dam across the Red River so the boat could go out. About a year ago I went over the old trail down through Opelousas, Carencro, Breaux Ridge, and St. Martinville to New Iberia on the Bayou Teche. New Iberia was where we made our escape by the underground railroad after we left New Orleans. I came up through Lafayette to Natchitoches. By the way, I would like to tell the reporters how to spell that—N-a-t-c-h-i-t-o-c-h-e-s. [Laughter.]

Now I am a regular old devil, and I love to talk over those old times just the same as you do, and you will find me holding down a chair in the lobby of the Gibson Hotel, and I would be glad to talk to any of you that will come.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now, comrades, we have got something more that is good. I want you to listen to it. I know you will be interested. I am going to introduce to you the president of one of our largest women's organizations, the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Margaret J. Lewis Bennett.

Mrs. MARGARET J. LEWIS BENNETT, president National Woman's Relief Corps, Pittsburgh, Pa. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all the distinguished visitors present this evening on this platform, and the audience that have come to do honor to the commander in chief, I am sure that no welcome was ever more warmly extended than the welcome that we have received from the citizens of Cincinnati. [Applause.] I am going at this time to thank the governor of this State of Ohio for the warm welcome that we received through him, also through the mayor of your city and the president of your chamber of commerce and Captain Bunge who has been so very splendid in every undertaking and endeavor. Also to Mrs. Nickerson, general chairman of the women's committee. She has been untiring in her efforts for our comfort. I would not forget the personnel of the chamber of commerce, with their corps of officers so well trained, and the busy, nimble fingers and active minds of the girls that serve those gentlemen so well.

I am very sure that you will agree with me that it is an honor to come here and take part in this welcome by the city of Cincinnati, and as president of the National Woman's Relief Corps, 165,000 women allied with the Grand Army of the Republic as their auxiliary, it is indeed a pleasure and a privilege.

The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization. We know that no new blood can ever be born into the Grand Army of the Republic. We know the password of that organization is a bit of parchment browned, worn, and torn, which proclaims discharge from the Army or the Navy; and that is the password to this Grand Army—the noblest army of men the world has ever known. [Applause.]

The Grand Army of the Republic is the star of the allied orders. In the center of the star they have placed an altar, and that is our altar of patriotic devotion. The first point of that star is the auxiliary that they chose when in Denver in 1883 they made the Woman's Relief Corps their auxiliary. [Applause.] The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans complete this star that represents to us the Grand Army of the Republic.

At the point of the star we start out, and we are moving closer to the center of that altar of devotion. For many years the Grand Army of the Republic was a power in this Nation, and now to venerate this organization all the allied orders are going to be combined in our efforts to kneel together at this altar and this shrine and to ever hold dear the memory of these men who saved our Nation and flag and to ever perpetuate their memory when they have passed on.

I have no fear in my heart that the citizens of Cincinnati and this wonderful commonwealth of Ohio will ever falter in their devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic and the cause for which they fought.

And now, Commander in Chief, I have a little duty to perform as president of this organization, because the men are growing older and their needs are becoming greater, and their auxiliary has endeavored all along the years to supply the needs in a check at this time, and I am going to ask one of your very gracious citizens, Mrs. Kiser, to express our love to the Grand Army of the Republic in a song.

(Mrs. O. B. Kiser then sang "In the Heart of a Rose.")

Mrs. BENNETT. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army, when this rose reveals to you what the heart contains you will know that in the heart of every woman of this organization allied with you and in your own auxiliary there is a heart of gold, and may the star that shines so bright for all of us as the Grand Army of the Republic—we hope that star will never dim.

(Presents to Commander in Chief Foster a large red rose, in the center of which was a check for \$2,500.)

Commander in Chief FOSTER. You know there are times when one finds that words are inadequate to express his true feeling, but I want to say this, that when I turned around and heard this beautiful, charming voice and then somebody presented to me this beautiful flower with such a substantial check in it, it does seem to me that I know just what I want to say, but I am afraid. I am afraid that I am not going to. I have simply done my duty; I have tried to do all I could. God bless your association. Without you, without you all together, I do not know how we could have got along all through these years as we have. Forty-seven years ago! Just think of it;

here you have been with us all these years, and you have been helping us financially; you have been coming to us with everything that was best. And then we have the other organizations, the Ladies of the Grand Army, and then came later on our Daughters, and our Sons of which I am also a member [applause], and the Auxiliary of the Sons—making five associations that have stood by us old boys for so many years. And just let me say to you, “God bless you all.” I thank you.

Mrs. BENNETT. Commander in chief, you gave to us what we can never forget. You gave to us an undivided country, with an unsullied flag.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I would like to introduce to you Mrs. Cora M. Rowling, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. CORA M. ROWLING, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dayton, Ohio. Dear commander in chief, Mr. Chairman, comrades, and friends: As another branch or the next branch of the family, the great family of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to extend first my sincere gratitude and thanks to this wonderful committee in Cincinnati which have made things so pleasant for us. We know we are going to have a wonderful time. We thank you for your words of welcome—the governor and all those who represent him—we thank you for your kind words of welcome. If I were to go back along the line, we would never get through thanking them all, because everybody has been so nice and so good to us. I am your neighbor from Dayton, Ohio. I know a great many people in Cincinnati, and I know that you have done all you could for these organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. Who would not be patriotic here with this wonderful band? Oh, it certainly does do your heart good to hear such music as we heard to-night.

Now, my dear commander in chief, I bring you the greetings of 60,000 Ladies of the Grand Army that are a part of this family through the heritage our fathers gave us. But it is a heritage money can not buy. We are proud of it. We are doing all we can to stay by the side of the comrades—some of them our fathers, some our brothers, and we the daughters and the nieces of the comrades who fought that our flag might wave forever, who defended our Nation. Oh, how proud we are of such a heritage.

This is a happy privilege, through such a wonderful heritage, to be able to say on this occasion to-night that it is the realization of a life's dream to stand on a platform amongst all these wonderful people and say to my commander in chief, “I bring you the greetings of your daughters and your sisters.” We were banded together 44 years ago, and this is the first Ohio national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army in all those 44 years of existence, and as I am from Ohio, where the Presidents come from, I am proud to be listed among the Presidents. [Applause.]

Last year 45,000 flags were presented to schools, Sunday schools, churches, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves and Camp Fire Girls. We feel that that is a wonderful work, but only part of our work.

Our motto is indeed a glorious one: "If fraternity exists, then charity is soon to follow, and loyalty will surely be present." In the work of our order we never let the left hand know what the right doeth when we want to give a little gift. To-night it gives me great pleasure to present to Mrs. Risley, the Army Nurse, a little gift, the gift of this organization to her, with our deep love for the wonderful sacrifice you have given in your time to our suffering comrades. [Applause.]

With just pride I report to you that our organization spends \$200,000 annually in owning and providing and keeping up our homes for our widows.

Now, my dear commander in chief, personally to you I wish to present on behalf of the national body of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic a picture of Lincoln. Much could be said of Abraham Lincoln, but so much has been said to-night that suffice it to say that, "He was the grandest figure of the Civil War; he is the gentlest memory of our world." So in behalf of the national body, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I present you this gift.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Mrs. Rowling, let me say to you and your organization that I prize very highly this picture of the man that in my early age I had the pleasure of hearing in his second debate with Douglas when I was 9 years old. He has been an inspiration to me all through my life. You could not have given me anything that I would prize as highly as this. I was saying to Mrs. Foster the other day that if they were going to give me anything I wished I could have a picture of Abraham Lincoln. Take back to your organization all my thanks, and sometime I will tell you more.

Now I am going to call on the next speaker, and we will soon be through. Miss Grace Hurd, national president Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Miss GRACE HURD, of Seattle, Wash. Commander in Chief, and members of this vast audience, coming here as a daughter and speaking to the comrades of my father, I am bringing the appreciation and joy we are having in this meeting. We know what you are doing for our fathers, and it is all that we can ask of anyone—the respect and love that you have shown to them. The daughter's part has been in the home by the side of the father and mother. She has seen the work that they have gone through, the things that they have been interested in, and is it strange that we have gone on and formed our own organization, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War? Their memory will carry us many, many years into the future, and as we tell their story to your sons and daughters it can not be forgotten. Such demonstrations as we have seen in this city make us feel that the future of our American Nation is safe. It is going to carry on just as our fathers would have it.

And now, Commander in Chief, we have heard all of the beautiful loving expressions here to-night. But first you see a loving cup here. The others have spoken words of love, and here is the loving cup filled with the love of all your daughters. That is for you, Commander in Chief. I know you will see it in the years to come and it will bring messages and memories of love from your daugh

ters. And in this envelope addressed to your quartermaster general are two checks, one for the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic for \$1,500; the second check of \$1,000 for the Southern memorial fund. [Applause.] That is the work of your daughters.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. For the loving cup I want to say to you that as time goes on and I look upon it my mind will go back to this happy occasion. You know it is said:

You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will
But the scent of the rose will cling to it still.

I know that many times in the future as I sit and look upon that cup it will carry me back in memory to this beautiful city of Cincinnati and this wonderful gathering to-night and I will recall that here in Cincinnati we have had, just what I told you we were going to have, the happiest and best time we have ever had.

We thank you also for this envelope. These checks go to my treasurer. I am sorry to have to turn it over to him, but I do.

Miss HURD. To our Army nurse that has taken care of my father's comrades, with the love and best wishes of the Daughters of Union Veterans, I bring you this small check. It is filled with our love, and may it bring joy to you. This is your personal gift, Mrs. Risley. There are others for the other nurses.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now, friends, I am going to introduce to you one of our own boys. This is not a lady this time. It is one of the young fellows, the Sons of Veterans, to which I also have the honor of being associated with as a son of a veteran. It gives me pleasure for reasons that I won't say to you in introducing this gentleman, that I have been with him and he has been with me on several occasions during the past year, and I have always found him a hard worker, doing the best that he could for what he represented, and I have the pleasure of presenting to you now Theodore C. Cazeau, of Rochester, N. Y.

THEODORE C. CAZEAU, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; commander in chief and chairman of the Cincinnati committee. In facilitating the Grand Army of the Republic and to you good people of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and the citizens, representing the Sons of Union Veterans, I wish to say:

First, that you good men—you Boys in Blue—have built a monument in the very heartbeat of our American people, the men, women, and children; a monument everlasting, builded block after block through 2,200 battles and skirmishes, cemented together by the tears of the widows and orphans through four long years of cruel war, and for the apex was placed the Moses of his period—the martyred Lincoln.

Not for many years longer will any of us have the opportunity that is ours just now of attending a national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

There is an inspiration beyond words to express on occasions like this. It is a day of remembrance of brave deeds wrought by brave men.

The gladiators of old Rome, when about to surrender their lives for the entertainment of the populace, approached the box of the Emperor with the words: "Hail, Cæsar; we who are about to die,

salute you." This long line of blue, growing rapidly shorter, wheels in front of us to-day, salutes and says, "Sons, we who are about to die, salute you. This is our parting word. Let your ideals be fixed on the righteousness and glory of our country. Let the institutions set up and preserved by your fathers be cherished. Keep fresh the memory of those who have sacrificed for their country. Let the choicest flowers of springtime and your country's emblem adorn their resting places. This, not only in honor to them, but as a pledge of your faithfulness to the future. Above all, have faith in the Republic which we fought to save." [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I have one more to introduce to you. Mrs. Ida B. Lange, national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. IDA B. LANGE, of New York. To the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the distinguished guests on my right and left, to the distinguished citizens of Cincinnati, I greet you and thank you for the cordial welcome that you have extended to our comrades.

We as the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans are their help-mates just as the Woman's Relief Corps are to the Grand Army of the Republic. Our Sons of Union Veterans are the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we as their auxiliary intend to keep ever before the citizens of the United States that feeling that they and we have, that they are the heirs, the rightful heirs, of this Grand Army of the Republic; and we feel, too, that as their auxiliary we stand right side by side with them to keep green the memories of the Boys in Blue.

We thank the citizens of Cincinnati for the very cordial welcome given to all of the other points of the star. Our Sister Bennett has spoken of the star and the galaxy of all these organizations, and we want to say to you that we do thank you for this and value all the courtesies that have been extended. Wherever we go and whatever we want, we have just to ask the general committee. They have said to us that if you do not have a good time it is your fault, and we intend to have that good time; and we know that we will have it. Again I want to extend the thanks of the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Now, friends, I am going to get out. I am going to turn this gavel back to the gentleman who handled it so nicely, and I am going to say to you that you have listened to the heads of our associations, and that I called all of them over to Washington on the occasion of our pension business and every one of them acquitted themselves nobly. I know that you have enjoyed what they have said to you to-night. Now, I am going to present to you this gavel. I have had no particular use for it, and I think it is a good time to hand it back.

Chairman BUNGE. Comrade Foster, I believe you did have some use for it: I saw you taking money away from people.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. I never saw a cent.

Chairman BUNGE. I have two announcements to make. On leaving this hall all using street cars will pass out of the rear of the building and get the street cars on Elm Street. Those using automobiles will pass to the side of the building and out in the rear, and there will be cars waiting there for you.

On the question of the parade on Wednesday morning. Comrades who desire to ride in automobiles on next Wednesday morning will be picked up at the Metropole Hotel, the Gibson Hotel, and the Sinton Hotel from 9 o'clock on until parade time.

It is fitting that we close with the benediction. We will have the Rev. J. King Gibson, National Chaplain of the Grand Army, pronounce the benediction, and after he has performed his duty the band will play "America." I ask that every person stand and sing that with a full heart. Doctor Gibson.

Chaplain in Chief J. KING GIBSON, of Dayton, Ohio. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

(After the singing of "America" the audience, at 10.17 o'clock p. m., dispersed.)

CAMP FIRE HELD AT MUSIC HALL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 27, 1930

Michael G. Heintz, of the executive committee, presiding.

Music by the United States Marine Band.

Chairman HEINTZ. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, members of all the allied societies and fellow citizens, we are now about to kindle the camp fire. You have had your long march during the day, you heard the martial music, you saw the flags flying, and now in the dusk of the evening we are to sit around the camp fire and listen to the stories of soldiers. All speakers on this platform this evening, except one, have served in the armies of the United States. Since the Civil War we have had a few other wars. We have taken the privilege of presenting to you the commander in chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans, an Ohioan, elected a few days ago by the Spanish War Veterans, in Philadelphia, a man whose father served in the Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, one of the best regiments that went out of the State of Ohio. He himself served as a captain in the Spanish-American War, and his son was in the World War.

I now present to you Judge Edward S. Matthias of the Supreme Court of Ohio, commander in chief of the Spanish War Veterans. [Applause.]

Judge MATTHIAS. Mr. Chairman, Veterans of the Civil War, members of your allied organizations, and friends occasionally one finds himself confronted by conflicting duties. I found myself in that situation to-day. One duty drew me to my home town where my fellow townsmen followed to their last resting place all that was mortal of one of our esteemed fellow townsmen, your comrade, past commander in chief of your organization, Gaylord M. Saltzgaber. My duty as a fellow townsman was to have been there. My engagement was to be here and to greet you on behalf of the organization, the United Spanish War Veterans, which I, for the time being, head. When I considered it but for a moment I knew that could your comrade speak he would have said, "Go and convey your greetings, and my greetings as well, to my comrades down in Cincinnati, and bid them carry on." And so I came pursuant to my engagement to bring to you the greetings of the United Spanish War Veterans.

As I listened to these stirring strains and observed you men, the remnant of the once magnificent army of Grant and Sherman and Sheridan, do you know I wondered for a little bit over the interest and the activity that was manifested throughout—especially these front rows. I looked at my comrade, Alcorn, and then I sort of pinched myself and I wondered which were older, you fellows or we of the Spanish-American War. It is true that there is but a faded fragment of the once magnificent army of Grant and Sherman

and Sheridan, and that those who survive them will soon fill their empty canteens on the green slopes of the eternal morning. Weary and footsore they will enter the gates of the beautiful city. But their achievements—that is the fact in which we glory to-night—their achievements are in the care and keeping of a grateful people who will guard them as a sacred heritage.

We have learned in the generations since your active service that the inheritors of an ancestry that never yielded to a foreign foe, have avenged wrongs and vindicated rights, and even died for their own liberty and the liberty of others, possess those dominant characteristics which will keep her institutions pure and permanent and continue this Nation powerful and invincible among the nations of the earth. [Applause.] And so we of the subsequent generations can say to those of your numbers, the great majority of whom have transferred to that camp where taps never sound and the lights never go out:

O men who fought at Shiloh,
At Richmond and Bull Run.
The work your brave hands finished
Shall never be undone.

Sleep sweetly through the ages,
O dear and gallant dust,
For the hands that guard your victories
Stand sacred to their trust.

We are reminded to-day, and it is emphasized with the passing of the years, that all the glory of the succeeding years and decades would have been naught without the service and the sacrifice which you made and the achievements which you made possible. After two and a half centuries those who settled Massachusetts and those who settled Virginia, and their sons, were marshaled against each other. Together they had established this Government with no ruler but ourselves, and the question that arose in '61 was whether that Government could endure. Could we, a great American Republic, be severed and become but a cluster of helpless principalities weakened to the attacks of Europe? Should the American flag be lowered and by that act acknowledge that popular Government could not endure? The answer which you made, and your comrades made was, "The nation shall be preserved." [Applause.] That was the spirit of '61 to '65.

How gratifying it has been for you who were privileged to survive the passing years to observe those against whom you fought and over whom you won the victory equally willing—ah, it seems in many instances even more urgent in demanding opportunity to serve their country—to again don the Army blue and follow the flag; and when President McKinley, our Commander in Chief of 1898 handed to Fitzhugh Lee, old Joe Wheeler, and others their commissions to serve with some of your number as the leaders of the Spanish-American War, President McKinley said, "Henceforth there shall be but one Union and one flag over all." [Applause.] And then he later said, "There is one glorious fact that must be gratifying to us all. Americans never yet surrendered but to Americans." [Applause.]

In the civil conflict American courage and valor and heroism met American heroism, valor, and courage, and then when that son of

the soldier from Hampshire's hills and the son of the soldier from Georgia's plains marched off side by side and shoulder to shoulder they were invincible. That son of a Yankee and son of a Johnnie, when they combined, forever expelled Spanish dominion from the western world and placed this Republic among the first nations of the earth. [Applause.]

As a result of that service Yankee Doodle and Dixie blended in the strains of the national anthem and inspired John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever. The iron sledge of war which had rent asunder the links of loyalty and love welded them together again. That was the spirit of 1898.

When it became necessary for us to enter the World War no one had any doubt as to the purity of our motive, and no one could have any misgiving whatever as to the valor of the American troops, because they were American boys. They remained true to the highest ideals and best traditions of the American soldier. [Applause.] American patriotism has been the same in every generation, manifesting itself in every crisis, demonstrating itself on every field of battle.

Do you know there never was a finer body of young men gathered together and never a more magnificent fighting army mustered in all the world than the American Army in the World War? [Applause.] It may have been a coincidence but it is a historical fact nevertheless, that from the time our American boys entered the front-line trenches the troops assembled against the imperial powers moved only in one direction, and that was toward Berlin. [Applause.] No wonder that a French officer was caused to state, "These American boys conduct themselves like gentlemen, but they fight like devils." [Applause.] It was the same American spirit of patriotism, whether it has been manifested at Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, with Sherman on his March to the Sea, Grant in the Wilderness, or whether at Santiago, El Caney, or Manila, or by our boys in the front in the World War. It has been American patriotism all the way through. [Applause.]

You are familiar with the painting, The Spirit of '76. Don't you remember it away back there on the wall? The three colonials with fife and flag and drum. Without any suggestion of sacrilege whatever, merely to bring it down to this date, if I had the skill of a painter I would take the brush and repaint it. I would paint the one figure in the Army blue of the boys of '61 to '65 and the middle figure in the blue shirt and khaki trousers and the campaign hat of the American soldier in the Spanish-American War; and then the third figure I would paint in khaki uniform and overseas cap—the American boy in the World War. [Applause.] Then I would change the label and I would call it "The American Spirit of Patriotism."

It has been strongly manifested in times of war by the last three generations. It must be manifested in the same manner by every generation of American citizens if the American Republic is to fulfill its destiny. We have taken the lead in the past among the nations of the earth to bring about peace between nations by peaceful methods, and we shall maintain that leadership. But I think I can speak not only for my own organization, but for other veteran organizations as well, when I say that while we shall maintain that

place of leadership in behalf of peaceful settlement of the disputes between nations, yet let us continue an adequate, sensible, national defense of our own American institutions. [Applause.] There is one kind of disarmament to which we certainly never will agree, and that is the disarmament of the defenses of our American institutions. [Applause.]

We have been liberal in the past, for a million or more have come to our shores in a single year, and possibly that is well. But it must be that those who come to America must come here for the purpose of supporting American institutions. [Applause.] And if they do not come here and support the things which that flag represents, they ought to stand out from beneath its protecting fold. [Applause.] I would have them know something of the courage, the purity, the loyalty represented by the colors in that flag, something of the service and the sacrifice in this country that have made our institutions what they are. I would have them know that that flag represents the service and sacrifice of you men, and those who have followed you and those who went before, to establish and protect, to defend and preserve this country for other generations that are to come. I would have them join in the tribute to that flag:

Here's to the Red of it—
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it,
In all the spread of it,
From foot to head.
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it red.

Here's to the White of it—
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it,
But feels the might of it,
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care of it
Made manhood dare for it;
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so white.

Here's to the Blue of it—
Heavenly view of it,
Star spangled hue of it
Honesty's due of it,
Constant and true.
Here's to the whole of it
Stars, stripes, and pole of it,
Here's to the soul of it
Red, White, and Blue!

[Applause.]

May I say to this assembly here to-night, to pay the tribute to these heroes of other days there certainly must come upon every occasion such as this an appeal to us in behalf of American institutions. Founded by great patriots, defended by noble heroes, passed on to us with unsullied glory and undiminished, that appeal to you must be for a strong, sterling, staunch, stalwart American patriotism that will at all times promote that righteousness which exalteth a Nation.

I bring to you on behalf of the organization I represent heartiest and most cheering greetings, gratefully appreciative of the service you have rendered, bidding you God speed in your remaining days. [Applause.]

Chairman HEINTZ: In the decade before the Civil War there lived in this city a woman who wrote a book which perhaps had more to do with bringing on the Civil War than any other event except the execution of John Brown. It was in this city and in Kentucky that Harriet Beecher Stowe received the atmosphere that enabled her to write Uncle Tom's Cabin. The race of which she wrote produced many gallant Union soldiers. One went from this State, helped organize a regiment, was sent into battle, so distinguished himself at the Battle of Chapin's Farm near Petersburg that he was awarded the congressional medal of honor. His son is with us here to-night, a lawyer living in this city, well known to all of the citizens. We now present him to extend greetings on behalf of that race. I introduce to you Hon. A. Lee Beaty, of Cincinnati.

Mr. A. LEE BEATY. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, veterans of the Civil War, ladies and gentlemen, on last Monday night I heard Governor Cooper welcome the veterans of the Civil War. I heard the mayor of Cincinnati welcome those same veterans. I heard the president of the chamber of commerce welcome those same veterans. And to-night sitting in my seat on this stage I heard Judge Matthias of our supreme court greet you on behalf of the veterans of the Spanish-American War. All of them extolled the bravery, the courage, and the skill of the men who fought from '61 to '65. They deserved it all.

As Mr. Lincoln said, and in his words I will say, "The world will little note nor long remember what we say, but they can not forget" what the veterans from '61 to '65 did for this country. [Applause.]

It makes me feel proud to say that I am proud of the part that my race took in that great conflict. [Applause.] One hundred and eighty-seven thousand nine hundred and seventy-five colored men were enrolled in the volunteer army during the Civil War; 36,847 made the supreme sacrifice, and those men were engaged in 495 engagements. Sometimes it is a little hard to be a colored man, but when I think of what those men did I am not ashamed to stand before this audience or any audience in America and say I am proud that I am an American negro. [Applause.]

Fort Pillow, Port Hudson, Fort Wagner, Petersburg, and Richmond testify to their valor, and I say to you to-night, my friends, we owe much to you veterans of the Civil War. You gave us our liberty, and that is something that we highly prize. And in return for that I can say to you that no member of my race has ever raised his hand against that flag, your flag, and my flag, your country, and my country. [Applause.]

Now on behalf of the colored people of this city I want to greet you, and I say to you veterans of '61, I always stand ready to salute a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Chairman HEINTZ: We shall now be entertained by a vocal solo by Mrs. O. B. Kiser, of Cincinnati.

("Victory," Mrs. O. B. Kiser.)

Chairman HEINTZ. If the chairman of the meeting knows his job he will introduce the soloist before the song. If he forgets something, you will pardon him for telling it at this time. Mrs. Kiser wrote this song, and the title is "Victory." Now while we are in the mood of enjoying good music, may we have another selection by the United States Marine Band. [Music by the band.]

This is a camp fire of the Grand Army of the Republic. Ever since last January when the local committee began to make preparations for this encampment we have been working with your commander in chief. Since he came here last Friday we have been amazed at the amount of labor he can perform. Sometimes we felt very guilty of having to impose so many duties upon him. We have him here this evening. He made an address in this hall on Monday night. He has addressed many of the organizations during the week and took part in the parade to-day. We are now pressing him on duty at this late hour of the evening to again entertain you in his capacity as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I take great pleasure in presenting to you your commander, Edwin J. Foster, of Massachusetts. [Applause, the audience rising.]

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests upon our platform, my dear old comrades, my dear citizens, he just told you I had been here since last Friday and that he had been using me. Well, I should say they have. I have talked until I have made up my mind that I must have done something, and that reminds me of a story.

When the corps, which is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world—whenever we go anywhere they always give to them the largest building, because they have the greatest number with them, not particularly because they are better than the other associations, but some way they are attached to us because we took them under our wing 47 years ago. [Applause.] We have never regretted that action. It was before we had daughters of our own. And I want to tell you that we did not at that time realize that we needed any of the women's help, and so we got it, and as I told you they have been a wonderful inspiration for our old boys. [Applause.] And we appreciate them greatly, and we do all of our other organizations.

But I started in to tell you a story and I am going to do it. They had got this large building while they were out in the West, in the Middle West. Well, I would just as soon tell you, it was in Grand Rapids. And we had given to our corps a church there, and it seems that the minister was new. He hadn't been there long and so he took quite an interest in listening to them, and they invited him to speak to them. And he got up and he said, "Ladies of this organization, I have been greatly interested in listening to you and the way in which you have conducted your service, but I regret to say that I have never taken any great interest in patriotic work and therefore I do not feel capable of talking to you along those lines. But I will tell you a story." So the minister told this story, and I think I am at liberty to tell it myself.

He said that there was an old minister that had held a church for many years and he had been so long with the congregation that they kind of made up their minds that there ought to be a change.

So they went to the church committee and told them that they thought they ought to have a change, the old gentleman had been there so long and he did not articulate very well and they could not understand him just as they would like to. Well, they said they would try to find out what was the matter. So they went to him and they told him that they had a complaint about it, and the old gentleman said, "You know, I know it. I know it, and do you know, I believe it is my teeth? That is the reason I can not talk plain." Well, the chairman of the committee said, "Go and get some new teeth and we will pay for them." So he did. He went away and got him a new set of teeth, and finally he came back and he came into the church on Sunday evening and preached his sermon. He started in and kept preaching and preaching and preaching, and they could not stop him, and the congregation commenced to move their hands [indicating] over to the officials of the church to try and make him stop. He preached for an hour, and finally after an hour and a half he had to quit. After church they all rushed right up to the committee and said, "Here, do you think we are going to sit here and listen for an hour and a half to that old fellow talk in that way? We are going to some other church. We won't stand it." So the committee talked to the preacher again and he said, "I don't know, but do you know since I got these teeth it seems just as though I could not stop talking. Every time I put them in my mouth I want to talk and talk and talk." He said, "You know I bought these teeth of Sears, Roebuck & Co., in Chicago, and I wrote to them about it and," he said, "I have got it all fixed now. I got a letter from them saying that by mistake they found they had sent me women's teeth." [Laughter.]

But really, friends, I don't know. I have been here since last Friday and I am getting to like the citizens of this city, and of course I have liked the boys that came here. I have come to like these people so well I am going to tell you people right here I do not think it would take much coaxing to get us to come back here—our old boys—in 20 or 25 years. [Applause.] Not only that, but you have been so mightily clever to us. It did not seem though we have had to ask for anything—just go about ourselves, and we are perfectly willing that we could do so.

So as this will be my last opportunity to talk to you as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic—you know it is only a few hours before I shall go out of office and then I will be a high private in the rear ranks. [Laughter.] But there is one thing they can not stop me doing, and that is working. I would not be happy if I could not work. I got up this morning at 6 o'clock. I was trying to find some other comrade that was younger than I was that was up, and I could not. I was the only fellow up. And so I am telling you to-night that you saw our boys up here—our dear old boys marching in the hot sun—did you see any of them that was falling back? Heads up, marching, keeping step! Why? [Applause.] They had been tutored by a man who was born near here and, thank God, we old boys are going to have the opportunity on Friday to go up and see the home of a man that we love so dearly—Ulysses S. Grant [applause], the greatest general in the world. And I am glad to say that Col. U. S. Grant, 3d, is going to have charge of that affair. Now all of you people that want to get up there, you

want to get down there by 9 o'clock or you won't get on the boat and you will have to drive up or swim up, and we want you there. We are going to have a good time.

Now, I have enjoyed very much what the commander in chief of the Spanish War said, because he put to you some truths, and a great many of them, and he spoke of patriotism and he spoke of so many great things that are necessary for us to understand. Now, I claim this, no matter where I am, I am an American citizen. [Applause.] I am not afraid to tell you so, and I believe that any American citizen that becomes an American citizen, if he is from a foreign country, and when I speak of that I hope if there are any foreigners here they won't take any offense at what I say, because I believe, if you stop to think, we are all foreigners, and if it had not been for foreigners we would not have had any America. [Applause.]

It is not the foreigners—I am going to tell you something. I just bet a cookie I don't get a cheer. In a certain city where I was not long ago we had quite a turnout there. It was the annual meeting of the State, and when we were walking up the street going to our lunch—it was a little after midday, and both sidewalks coming and going, the business men had been out to get their lunch and going back to their offices to work. Now I am going to tell you something, American people, and I want you to listen to me. I saw more foreigners stop and doff their hat to our flag than I did the American citizens. [Applause.]

I feel this way, I don't know but we had better put in a little time as Americans on some of our Americans, because the foreigners were taught to salute their flag. They were taught to rise on their feet whenever the national air was played. In 1906 I came back from across the water. When I arrived in New York and came up to Boston and went out one evening to something they told me they were going to have a great time. I said, "What is it?" Well, they went on and told me it was going to be a patriotic association. Then I woke up and I said, "I want to hear it." So I went up there and I had just gotten back from a country where when they started their national air they all stood up. Well, they started ours. I got up. There were two ladies at the right and they saw me get up and they said, "Do you want to get out?" "No," I said, "thank you. I am standing up because they are playing our national air." And I was the only one in that audience that did. [Applause.] That was in 1906.

I am not blaming our American citizens altogether for that, because it was not our custom. When they learned something from abroad—I don't say we have to go over there to learn everything—well, I started in on this to tell you that we talk about American citizens, and I would not give the snap of my finger if any man or woman would tell me they are an American citizen. What I want to know is what kind of an American citizen they are. [Applause.]

You say, "I belong to such a church." What of it? What have you ever done for that church, or did you join just for the sake of the name? Well, I want to tell you how easy it was to become an American citizen. I started in to tell you that, and I am going to. I know of an instance. Well, he was a foreigner. He came over to our country. Now, I don't know, some places where I have been they have such a thing known to people as politics. I don't know.

Maybe you don't have it here, and politicians. [Laughter.] Well, they are always anxious if a foreigner lands here to get him naturalized and become a voter just as soon as they can. Why, he wants him to vote. I don't know why, but maybe you do. Anyway, there was a fellow came over and they got him to get out his first papers, and then he got out his second. I am not telling what nationality he is because you will know when you hear it by the time I get through my story. So he got out his second ones and finally they sent for him to come and prove up. So he came in and the judge said to him, "Well, Tony, I will ask you some questions." "All righta," he said, "all righta." He says, "Tony, who is the President of the United States of America?" "Well, I don't know, Judge; I don't know." "Well, who is governor of this State?" "I don't know. I don't know. I don't know." "Well, who is mayor of your city?" "Mayor? I don't know, Judge," "Well," he said, "Tony, I don't see how I can make an American citizen out of you, because evidently you either have not been advised what is necessary that you should know, or, if you have, you have paid no attention to it. I can not make an American citizen out of you." "You don't think you can, Judge?" "No." "Well, I am awful sorry. I want to be an American citizen." The judge says, "I can't help you. I can't do it." "Well," he says, "Judge, can I ask you a question?" "Why, yes." "Judge, can you tell me how many bananas there are in a bunch?" "No," the judge said, "I don't think I can." "That is right, Judge; you don't know my business; I don't know yours." [Laughter.] You see how easy it is to become an American citizen.

But what I want the American citizen to be is what these old boys are right here before you to-night, what they have always been—American citizens because they believe in it, and if you believe in a thing don't be afraid to say so.

I went to speak in a normal school just before Memorial Day a couple of years ago. I sat down on the platform waiting for the opening exercises and when they called me I got up and I looked around and I didn't see a flag. I said to the superintendent, "Haven't you got a flag?" "Well, I don't know," he said. "Well," I said, "you will have to dig out one or I'll not speak for you." [Applause.]

I love that flag because there is some reason, because it is my flag. An old comrade told me a story about that flag. He said he was away up at the northern part of our country where it was just a short distance from another country which I won't mention. There was a lady sat by the side of him—he didn't know her—he was a stranger, and she said, "Do you know, I can not bear the looks of that flag. It just makes me sick every time I look at it." She said, "It makes me think of a stick of red, white, and blue candy." Well, the comrade said, "Lady, I am sorry that it makes you sick to look at that flag. You don't like the looks of it, but, lady, let me tell you something. Don't ever try to get the country where you came from to try to lick that stick of candy."

So, I tell you people to-night, patriotism and Americanism are just what we make it, and when they were speaking to-night that the world can not forget what they did here, sometimes, my friends, I have thought they had forgotten. Why? Because the generation to-day that is taking hold of our Government and going forward with it were not born when we fought that war. All they know

about our war is the same as they did about the Revolution. They get it from history. And so to-day and to-night I want to say to you people that I believe that any man that pledges his allegiance to that flag and becomes an American citizen has got to be honest and has got to remember that he has given a pledge and that he is receiving in return for that the privilege, the highest privilege that can be granted to any man in this world, and that is that he is an American citizen. [Applause.]

But I told you the other night that if there were any people calling themselves American citizens that are not willing to stand by that pledge, say to them, "The gates that let you into this country swing both ways." [Applause.]

I love American citizens, but I do not love those that are not. Because why? This country belongs to America. We love it because we know what it is. But here is the danger. How long is it going to be that way unless we take interest enough personally in it to know that we have got a duty to perform. Any American citizen that takes his pledge to become one, or if we are born here and can not help it, he knows or ought to know that he has got some duty connected with Americanism in all its forms, and therefore I feel and say to you to-night that I believe, as I stated the other night, and I am talking to you honestly to-night, if there was ever a time since this Government was formed when we needed patriotism and Americanism fully exemplified we need it to-day everywhere. [Applause.] We need it in our family. Do you know, my wife is here. I suppose I will have a right to use her name, though, because she can not see my face. She is back of me. We were out one night to a picture show. You know I am not a picture fiend, but I go with her once in a while to keep peace in the family. When we came out about 11 o'clock there were two little girls standing there. One was 10 and the other 12—sisters. So I broke away and went over to them and I said, "Girls, what are you doing here so late?" It was half past 10. "Why," she says, "we have been in to the picture." "You have?" "Yes." "Isn't your father and mother here with you?" "Oh, no." "Where are they?" "Why, they are out to a house party to-night." "Well, how are you going to get in?" "Oh, we got a night key." That was what I wanted to know. My wife said, "What are you talking to those little girls for?" That is natural for you women folks. We go over and talk to a lady, they want to know what we are saying. I said, "I have learned something," and I pictured in my mind those little girls going home, possibly the father and mother have got home first; they have let the dog out, whistled for him, and then gone to bed. The children have got a night key. They are not thinking anything about those children. Anything happens to them, "Oh, God, why would you be so cruel as to allow this sorrow to come upon us who hadn't anything to do with it?" God didn't. It was their own father and mother that are neglecting their children to-day in this country, and you know it. [Applause.]

Now, how long can this be kept up and still retain our standing throughout the world as being the largest and richest country in the world? As long as we have got a little over 52,000 of this disturbing element of which I won't name, and you know what I mean, and they are featuring propaganda, they are teaching it in our

schools. In the city of Washington when I was over there they were found distributing their literature among our schools, advising our children that they should not go out on Memorial Day, and this great Government of ours was allowing it.

I am not saying these things to you to-night because I am hoping for reelection to anything. After to-morrow I can talk just as I want to talk, and that is what I am going to do just as long as I live, and tell what I think about things that I want to see made a little better here. I want our boys and girls of what we call American citizens brought up and to stand a chance with those who are coming over from Europe, all parts of it, and educating themselves and going right ahead of our children.

In the city of San Francisco three years ago when they offered a prize for the best essay on the flag, who took it? A little Japanese girl, 12 years old. In the city where I live, who took the highest prize in high school? A Chinese boy, that waited on me down at the Hong Kong restaurant, graduated with highest honor. Then he went through "Tech" and to-day is over in New Jersey. Then we had a spelling school. Who won that? A little colored girl came in from out in the country and won that. What is the matter with our so-called American children to-day? Take that home, parents, any of you here, and think it over. I am telling you people to-night that we need to think. We are not worrying about any trouble from abroad, from outside, but it is the trouble from within that lurks at our doors to-day, and it will continue to grow unless we do something. Our old boys won't be here long, and I will be gone, so you won't have anybody to talk so terribly as I have to-night to you. But I have had the opportunity to tell you these things because I know that I am telling you what our own boys have stood for and what we always have.

You know we are proud, as they say—well, I am, that our old boys—I said three years ago that I never heard of one of our old boys being executed for murder. I never did. But when we went to Denver two years ago I heard of one of our comrades who was put into prison for life for murder, and he had been let out every year and permitted to come and attend our encampment. And he went back to his prison—you see what they thought of him. And so after I had been inducted into office in this position as commander in chief of the most beloved organization in the world, as I think [applause], I received a letter asking me if I would not bring the question up of interceding to have that comrade of ours pardoned. After thinking the matter over I said "No, because I didn't know anything about the evidence that they had and I thought it belonged to the State where he lived." It was not over two months after that when I received a clipping from a paper that he had been pardoned, and I think from what I judge that his reason for having committed the murder, if he did, was brought about by too much booze—I guess you call it. I don't know what it is. I never took a drink in my life. I am one comrade who can stand up and say that. [Applause.] Because I feel it this way, that what we want to do is to get a little temperance into our regular daily duties [applause], and not be thinking about making somebody else miserable, maybe.

Of course I recall where I was born in Wisconsin I used to go into a tavern where there was a long table there and on the end would be a decanter of whisky, and I can remember in my boyhood days that everybody helped himself. I never saw a drunken man, but that does not make me inclined to feel that I want to drink it. But I might say this, it is the abuse. So it is with us American citizens to-day that are born here in this country. We did not have to pay anything for it. It costs nothing. Just simply we could not help it that we were born here. We became American citizens, and we grow up and we get money—our fathers have got lots of money and they send us to college. They have executed two of the boys in the last two years that went to college because they had too much money and too much booze to go with it. So those things come about in that way.

What I am trying to make you people understand to-night and to tell you—my comrades and I have been talking and working so hard for the past year, and I have been doing it for the last 6 or 8 or 10 years, and many of you much longer than that, because we are leaving in your care something that is very precious to us, and that is the thought that you people here to-night that were not born when—I was going to say yet. I was going to ask you to get up. all you ladies that were born when we fought the war. I'll bet we would not have one here. You know we could figure out exactly what your age was. [Applause.]

But we boys fought for something to make it possible for you people to be here to-night in a united country. [Applause.] Don't you feel as though the country was not just as good as you would like to see it? Now I am not talking about our old boys. Don't you people feel, don't you see anything that you think is not going on just right in your country? I do not mean that you should dictate to the splendid man that we have got at the helm in Washington, Herbert Hoover. There is a man that wants to do the right thing, and he is going to do right, if he don't get elected another term. And so to-night what our old boys want of you people is this, to understand that danger lurks at your door and that you should wake up as American citizens and understand that you should do what you said when you pledged you allegiance to the flag.

One more story and I am going to quit, and that is this: I read a very beautiful little thing about the World War. I had a son in the Spanish War and one in the World War, and my father and I went out in the Civil War, and I am a Son of the Revolution, and that makes me a son-of-a-gun. That is why I am talking to you as I am to-night, I guess. But I want to tell you this story. It was said that there was a Frenchman that fought all through the World War—nearly, almost to its close, and finally by a shell bursting he was blinded in both eyes. And they took him to a hospital and after he was able to be sent home they sent him home. And his little boy had led him out on the porch in the morning. The sun was shining brightly, and he took the father out there and they sat talking. Finally the little boy said, "I hear music." His father said, "Run out to the gate and see what it is. It sounds like martial music." He went out and came back and said, "Yes, father; there is a band coming down the street. They are playing. There are

men dressed in khaki." He said, "Do they have a flag?" "I did not look to see." The father said, "Run out and see, please." He ran out and came back and said, "Yes, father; they have got a flag. It is the Stars and Stripes." The old man said, "Bless God; the Americans have arrived. We are going to win the war, because that flag belongs to a country that never lost a war." [Applause.]

Chairman HEINTZ. I am requested by the lieutenant of police to make this announcement, that those who intend to leave by automobile or bus will pass to the rear of the building, central parkway. All those who are intending to leave by street car will pass to the front of this building to Elm Street.

Commander Foster spoke to you as if you were Cincinnati people. Coming as you do from all of the 48 States in the United States, I don't know whether he had many Cincinnatians in this audience. Before this meeting adjourns I want you to meet one Cincinnati, a man who headed this committee. To him we must give the credit for whatever has been accomplished for your entertainment. I want to call on Capt. Robert C. Bunge, a veteran of the World War, one who was most severely wounded. He was four years in the hospital hovering between life and death. Step forward now and say a few words to this audience.

Capt. ROBERT C. BUNGE, general chairman of the citizens' committee. Friends, there is one thing I have said all my life that I would never do, and that is to make an apology. I am not going to apologize for being late to-night. Then I am going to tell you the reason and if you still feel that I am not forgiven I will be glad to leave the stage.

To-night is my twenty-sixth wedding anniversary. [Applause.] Little did I think 26 years ago that the Grand Army of the Republic would in any way interfere with the thing that I had set out to do, and that is to eat my dinner that night with my wife. The next little thing I have to say is to request when I am through you will excuse me to go back to that little woman that is waiting for me at the Gibson Hotel. In the middle of our dinner she said, "Do you realize what time it is?" I said, "No, I do not." She said, "You are due at the camp fire immediately, and you will go." [Applause.] I recognized the superior authority; I went. Realizing also that she still is the commanding officer, when I am through I will go back. [Applause.]

You have heard me say many words of welcome to you. My heart is full to overflowing, but I think since you are all one big family, the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the Daughters of Veterans, the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, and, God bless them, the Army Nurses, I am going to let you inside in a little history and take you right into our confidence. This convention now is going over marvelously. No credit to us, just a lot of hard work that is in the back of it and a sincere purpose to make you feel that when you leave here the honesty of Cincinnati's hospitality. We have had a lot of fun and we have had a little trouble. To give you just a little insight into some of the things we have been up against, we started off—before I make these remarks I want you to realize that every cent of expense of this convention for all of you is borne by the individual subscriptions of the citizens of Cincinnati. [Applause.] Not one penny of State

money, not one penny of county money, not one penny of Cincinnati money has gone into this entertainment. [Applause.]

It is a remarkable thing when you stop and consider that when you came to us first with a request for your convention we went through a stock-market crisis. The next thing that confronted us, we decided that a certain bank in this town was about as safe as any could be. So we deposited our money in this bank. After we had about one-third of our funds raised this bank closed its doors. We had about one-tenth of this fund in which the checks were personally made out to me and which I indorsed, and that bank failed. We realized some way that a certain thing was going to happen, and the reason we knew it is nobody's business. But we withdrew our funds from this bank and put it into what we considered the safest bank in Cincinnati. At 10 minutes of 3 one afternoon we made this deposit. On the next morning when the bank opened its doors there was a run on this bank. You could not get within three squares of it. However, it weathered the storm. Our people came to the front and they stood in back of us and the national convention was a success financially. This would not have been possible if we had not had the absolute cooperation of every newspaper in Cincinnati. [Applause.]

Things have happened in the newspaper world in Cincinnati that three months ago had you asked for it there is not a man in this town who would not have said that it was impossible. Can you imagine newspapers giving you front-page publicity on which they printed a subscription blank for the individual with 25 cents to \$500 could subscribe on that front page?

I am making these tributes to-night because, as I say, we are one family. You should know how this thing came over. There has not been one single request to the press of Cincinnati that has not been granted. [Applause.]

The second thing—you have been in our city now for four days—you can not help but notice, and that is the wonderful cooperation of the Boy Scouts. [Applause.] One thing I want to tell you about. These boys go into camp every year until the 1st of September. When Mr. Roberts, the head of the Boy Scouts in Cincinnati, said to the boys, "This convention is coming to Cincinnati in the last week of August. That is your camp time. What will you do?" There was not a boy but that said, "We will give up our last week in camp and come in and take care of the Grand Army."

It might be rather an interesting thing for you to visit the second floor of the Union Central Life Building on Vine Street. You will find that these boys have cots on this entire floor. There are over 200 of them sleeping there at nights and on call at any time. [Applause.]

Naturally most of these committees resolve themselves into a group of a few who do the actual work. I am going to take this opportunity to publicly pay them a tribute because I won't have another occasion. Looking at the meetings when things looked black, I see sitting in there, first a man of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Secrest. I think he is on the stage, I am not sure. [Applause.] Then I see a son of a veteran, Michael Heintz, the present presiding officer to-night. [Applause.] Then I see still another son of a veteran, Jimmy Hughes. If you don't know Jimmy you have missed something. Then I see that glorious woman who has made her own living by her own efforts, who, left a widow, went out into the

business world and has carved for herself a place in the hearts of every Cincinnati. I mean Mrs. J. K. Nickerson. And then you always have to have a little pest, one who is always digging into the little things. Thank God, we had one of these. He is a man that when somebody said it could not be done, started to dig down into and bring it out. I have reference to my good friend for 25 years, Sol Freiberg. [Applause.]

And then an experienced hotel man, a man who has taken care of the accommodations of you people, a man who knows his business, a man who is in a position to dictate to the hotel people, and I hope none of them have raised their rates on you—if they have, let me know—Dan Myers, the president of the Cincinnati Hotel Association. [Applause.]

And again, I must not overlook the chamber of commerce who have two of the most efficient convention bureau women I have ever come in contact with, Miss Pace and Miss Rubin. [Applause.]

And then the glorious thing that Congressman Hess did when he just simply forced through before the Congress a bill which brought this wonderful Marine Corps Band to us. [Applause.] Again I want to pay tribute to the band and its leader. The first thing they said to me when they arrived on last Sunday morning was, "Why don't you give us some work to do?" And the individual men of this band requested the privilege—just think of it—to stop and make an extra little display, to play a tribute to the national commander in chief, and, Captain Branson, I think a lot of you. I think a lot of the way the men have all acted.

So to-night I could go right down through a lot of things that happened. As I say, all I am trying to do to-night is not to welcome you but take you into the inner workings of this convention. And finally let me say this to you. You will go your various ways to the 48 States of the United States. I want you to carry with you that sincerity of feeling, that love and that hospitality that Cincinnati feels for you individually. [Applause.]

THEODORE C. CAZEAU, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Captain Bunge, the members of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army and the Daughters of Veterans—the representatives of these groups have detailed upon me this very pleasant duty, Captain Bunge, to give you an appreciation from them. As I look this audience over—and to you boys in blue, and I don't know one note from another, but next to the boys in blue I love music, and I surely love this Marine Band. And as I looked on the parade to-day and the decorations, the children in the line, I don't know whether in all the years these men are entitled to more credit for their courage and valor on the field of battle than for what they have meant to this Union in time of peace. And to see the children enjoying every moment of the day, and to those who have made it possible, and for all the things you have done and your part in it, this little gift [a desk set] is presented to you.

Captain BUNGE. Friends, in accepting this gift, which I know not what it is, its intrinsic value means nothing. But I do want to lay it among the archives of my memory as a fit remembrance that the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations was held in the city of Cin-

cinnati and that I was privileged to have some small part in your entertainment. [Applause.]

Chairman HEINTZ. Having worked with Captain Bunge for a year in making the arrangements for this encampment I can say to you that we can not say too much in behalf of him or too much for his splendid services as chairman of the general committee.

We shall now be favored with a reading by Miss Clemance Atkins of this city.

Miss ATKINS [reading]:

It's the laughter of the children that Old Glory guarantees;
It's the safety of our women on the land and on the seas;
It's the little homes we're building and the peace that evening brings
That the flag above is shielding, and a thousand other things.

Oh, don't you catch the vision that is shining through its folds?
Can't you see the glorious future that our Starry Banner holds?
Don't you see the glad to-morrows for this Nation of the free
And the happy men and women that your children are to be?

You shall never know contentment save that flag is overhead;
If you turn from it and scorn it you shall dine on bitter bread;
It's your promise to your children that when you are dead and gone
They shall have a wise protector and in safety journey on.

Guard the flag that flies above you, true to God and true to man;
Stand forever at its service, deaf to every cruel clan!
For there is no dream you cherish and no deed you hope to do
But Old Glory, in its beauty, guarantees to yours and you.

(Being heartily applauded, Miss Atkins responded with the following as an encore:)

Hats off!

Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky;

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

Blue and crimson and white it shines,
Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines.

Hats off!

The colors before us fly;
But more than the flag is passing by.

Sea fights and land fights, grim and great,
Fought to make and save the State:
Weary marches and sinking ships;
Cheers of victory on dying lips;

Days of plenty and years of peace;
March of a strong land's swift increase;
Equal justice, right and law,
Stately honor and reverend awe;

Sign of a nation, great and strong
To ward her people from foreign wrong;
Pride and glory and honor—all
Live in the colors to stand or fall.

Hats off!

Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums;
And loyal hearts are beating high;

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

[Applause.]

Chairman HEINTZ. We will now be favored with another selection by the United States Marine Corps Band. [Music by the band.]

When the delegates to the various organizations registered and secured their badges they must have realized that this encampment was a part of the Grant encampment. You saw the representation of the birthplace of Gen. U. S. Grant on your badges. You were told we would make a pilgrimage to Point Pleasant, a beautiful site on the Ohio River 25 miles east of Cincinnati, where General Grant was born. We are pleased to-night to emphasize the fact that this is in a way a Grant encampment. We have had the pleasure of having had with us to-day Col. U. S. Grant, 3d, of Washington, D. C., who is superintendent of buildings and grounds of the District of Columbia. He is a grandson of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who led the armies of the Union. We could not close this meeting without having a few words from Col. Ulysses S. Grant, 3d. May I now present him to you.

Col. ULYSSES S. GRANT, 3d. Commander in chief, Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and auxiliary organizations, I appreciate the fact that you are willing to extend the evening a few minutes to hear me only because to some extent I can represent here the continuation of the family of your commander in chief and their continued interest in everything that the Grand Army of the Republic does. All my life, ever since I remember, when I was 3 years old, my grandfather took me on his shoulders and walked me around and explained to me the meaning of swords and certain trophies and pictures of the Civil War that used to hang on the walls of his house. Ever since then I have realized the tremendous obligation which rests upon us, sons and grandsons, to carry on and do our best to follow the example you have set us.

I feel that this encampment and the words of your commander in chief to-night have capped the climax for that lifelong lesson and will send all of us present along the way with new inspiration and new appreciation of our duty as American citizens.

We could but admire the example to-day in the procession of that indomitable spirit which the Grand Army of the Republic showed during the period of 1861-1865, and then the survivors after that period in rebuilding the country and leading it on and on and maintaining it in the right way for this period. We hope that we will not prove unworthy of our sires. We hope that we may do our share as they drop the burden and turn it over to us.

As far as the fighting qualities of the American people are concerned, we can point to what our generation has done in the Spanish War and in the World War, and in the Philippines, and we hope and believe that there are certain Spanish and German and Italian crews of ships who will say to you that our generation of sons and grandsons has not been entirely unworthy of their sires.

Whether we can do as well in the political life and civic development of the country of course remains to be seen, but I feel that no son or grandson who has been present here to-night can go away without being prepared to dedicate himself to see that the work which you have begun will be carried to a successful conclusion, or at least carried on while life and strength remain with us. [Applause.]

You will, perhaps, remember that when my grandfather was appointed by Governor Yates, of Illinois, as colonel of the Twenty-

first Illinois Infantry, that regiment had been having some trouble about discipline. It had been the custom apparently of that regiment to hold nightly meetings and discuss regimental matters and debate them and cheer themselves on with speeches of more or less inspiration probably, but on the whole it was hardly the way a military organization usually operates. And you will remember that when he was appointed, my grandfather was taken to the evening meeting of the regiment and introduced as the new colonel. The audience looked to him for a speech, and the speech was, "Men, go to your quarters."

I am sure that that is the kind of a speech you would like from me to-night. So I am going to conclude with the relation of that good example, begging your indulgence for only one more statement, and that is the expression of admiration for the way the city of Cincinnati has taken care of all the various organizations as well as the Grand Army of the Republic. I am sure you will all agree with me that Cincinnati knows how. Thank you.

Chairman HEINTZ. I am very pleased to announce that Colonel Grant will be officer of the day on our boat trip to Point Pleasant on Friday. [Applause.]

You will now have the pleasure of listening to a vocal solo by Mr. Henry Grad, of this city.

(Mr. Grad then sang "Boys of the Old Brigade," which was received with applause.)

Chairman HEINTZ. While we enjoy music we shall now have as the next number a selection by the Betsy Ross quartet, Canton, Ohio.

Comrade JACOB SECREST, of Ohio. The Betsy Ross quartet is the official quartet of the Ohio Department, Grand Army of the Republic. They have been requested by several comrades to sing "Who Will Tell the Story When the Boys in Blue Are Gone?" Hear them.

(The quartet, composed of Mrs. P. D. Bennett, Mrs. William Waterson, Mrs. L. C. Myers, and Mrs. W. K. Lambright, sang the song mentioned by Comrade Secrest, and as an encore sang "The Old Grand Army Boys." Both numbers were heartily applauded.)

Chairman HEINTZ. We have in this city the headquarters of the National Association of Disabled American Veterans. I do not know that I get the title exactly right, but it is made up of the wounded soldiers of the last war. They will be represented here on the program by Capt. Herman H. Weimer, who is commander in chief of the organization, who has won, I have heard, a distinguished-service medal and the croix de guerre in the last war. Captain Weimer.

Capt. HERMAN H. WEIMER, of the Disabled American Veterans. Commander in chief, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies and gentlemen, this has been a wonderful day for the Grand Army and its allied organizations. It has been a day, too, that has brought a good deal of happiness to the disabled veterans of the World War because their organization, the Disabled American Veterans, or, as they themselves call it, the D. A. V., was represented in your magnificent parade this morning by its champion drum and bugle corps. They are happy because their national commander has been permitted to address you here this evening, and they are happy and proud in the knowledge that one of their very own members, a man who has consistently sought to serve his disabled comrades has also served the Grand Army of the Republic by acting as your general

chairman of your convention, and that is our D. A. V. comrade, Bob Bunge. [Applause.]

It seems rather strange to introduce a note of regret in a day that is otherwise so filled with happiness, but I do have a sincere regret, and that is this: I am more sorry than I can tell that it was not possible for every child of school age in America to witness this parade of yours this morning. It was more than a parade; it was a lesson in love of country, a lesson in pure, unalloyed patriotism that even those of us who have fought America's battles could benefit from.

Our own organization has asked me to extend greetings of the disabled veterans all over America to the Grand Army of the Republic [applause] and of particularly the 25,000 of our members who are still confined to their beds in Government hospitals since the World War, because they feel that there is a direct kinship between them and between the grand men of the Grand Army because each day of their lives they are striving to overcome physical handicaps so that they can better serve their families, their fellowmen, and particularly their disabled buddies. And this morning you men of the Grand Army gave us an example of how you yourselves may overcome fatigue and physical handicaps and carry on, with such a splendid demonstration as your parade at this encampment.

There have been a lot of remarks made about the various kinds of weapons that are used in various kinds of war, and of course every former infantryman will always insist that a man with a rifle and bayonet is the man that decides every war. But that is not all. It is the willingness to go ahead and conquer these obstacles that have brought you men here to-day and enabled you to carry on as you did and that, I hope, will enable us to carry on for our comrades and for our country. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman HEINTZ. We have some good friends in Dayton, Ohio. Dayton is not very far from here. I have sort of an idea that Dayton wants you to hold your encampment in their beautiful city in 1932. Just what will be done I do not know, but I am now going to call on Mr. Mason Douglass, who is assistant city solicitor of Dayton, and he appears here on behalf of the mayor of that city to make a presentation to one of your auxiliary organizations.

Mr. MASON DOUGLASS, of Dayton, Ohio. Members of the Grand Army, this is a gracious courtesy on the part of your chairman in permitting me for a few minutes in behalf of the city of Dayton to express our appreciation to one of your workers and members. I assure you it will not be abused. The hour is very late. I shall speak very rapidly and very briefly.

Dayton does expect sometime in the future to have the happy privilege of entertaining and welcoming this Grand Army of the Republic and the allied patriotic organizations. But my purpose here to-night is to make a simple presentation of the glorious flag of America to a woman who lives in our community and has served most laudably as national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Permit me in this informal way to express the regret that the mayor of the city was not able to be here. He asked me this afternoon to come here and present this flag. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the members of the Relief Corps and the

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons and Daughters, and all allied patriotic organizations, the city of Dayton brings its happiest congratulations on the wonderful convention and assembly that you have had in our gracious neighboring city, Cincinnati. We believe it is through things of this kind that the impulse to better Americanism is stirred up in the hearts of the men and women and children and the glory of the flag is renewed in inspiration.

I come, however, not to speak, rather to bring a flag here, bringing it from the city of Dayton to present to Mrs. Cora Rowling. [Applause.]

Mrs. Cora Rowling, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, in presenting this flag we sense what it means. We sense, we believe, that this flag is a flag that democracy has launched across the continent, that this is the flag of a free country of constitutional government, of orderly society, the flag of a progressive people, and that all men, women, and children of right minds respect every star in it and honor them for what they represent.

The stars of the flag represent the glorious States of the Commonwealth, representing men who have struggled in peace and in war, who have sacrificed and died through this great continent that the flag might have happy traditions of loyalty and idealism. The flag representing the men who died in the Revolutionary War under Washington, who died in the War of 1812, and who marched in Mexico under Taylor, who marched in the great Civil War under Grant, who marched in the Spanish-American War, who marched on the battlefields of France in the name of a free government in behalf of men and women that they might live and love and be free and independent.

This flag of liberty is a symbol, if you please, of democracy in the Government of America. We hope, Mrs. Rowling, that this simple tribute of esteem and admiration from our people in Dayton may be precious to you, not in memory of Dayton but in memory of the flag and all it is—a flag of one people, one heart, one language, one flag, one land, one nation forevermore.

Your flag and my flag,
And how it flies to-day
In your land and my land
And half a world away!
Rose red and blood red,
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow white and soul white—
The good forefathers' dream;
Sky blue and true blue, with stars to gleam aright—
The gloried guidon of the day; a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag,
And, oh, how much it holds—
Your land and my land—
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at the sight;
Sun kissed and wind tossed—
Red and blue and white.
The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—
Glorified all else beside—the red and white and blue.

In the presence of the glorious Grand Army of the Republic and all the patriotic organizations, in the presence of this magnificent assembly of patriotic citizens, we present you with this flag as a symbol of America, as a glorious assurance of the fact that you are pledged to the heroic memory of the past, in the name of our little city of Dayton and in the name of all our people dead and living, who have died and are working for the glory of the country behind the flag that never retreats. [Applause.]

Mrs. CORA M. ROWLING, national president Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I can not try to express to you my appreciation for this beautiful gift that my city has seen fit to present. I accept this flag from you, Mr. Douglass, on behalf of my city. And now the happiest privilege I have just thought of is to present this flag to my commander. The city of Dayton call this a surprise. This is not a surprise; I knew about it. I have been trying to get it before these people in order that I might do as they said, "You will accept the flag from your city of Dayton because we are proud of the honor you brought to us." I am proud of it and of the highest honor that the Ladies of the Grand Army could give to a member of this organization. But I am prouder still to present it to my commander in chief in honor of my father who fought four years in the Civil War, and if he were here to-day he would be glad that his daughter presented to her commander in chief that served during her year an emblem, a flag that has floated over a land that has never known defeat by land or sea.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. Mrs. Rowling, I do not know what to say. I just feel as though I could not do justice to my feelings. This is an entire surprise to me, and to come from you and the citizens of your beautiful city where I spoke on Memorial Day—I don't know, some way it kind of touches my heart, and I feel just as though I would like to say in words something so nice that you could take back to your people that would assure them of my great appreciation and thankfulness of them that she should give to me this beautiful flag. Will you please kindly remind them of what I said and carry to them my very kindest love? To you, dear girl, I know you have worked hard and you have done your work well, and there is always room at the top. I thank you.

Mrs. IDA B. LANGE, national president Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To my commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. You may have been surprised to receive the flag. This is a little token of esteem from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, and we want you to take it and use it in your organization for anything that you may see fit to use it for. [Check for \$500.] The rest we are giving to you so that you may present it to your best half to keep peace in the family.

Commander in Chief FOSTER. This is only proof of what she said to me that we should be mindful of what we say to our friends. I did not think it could get back to me so quickly. But to my dear boys of whom I am proud and call brothers, Sons of Veterans, I wish you would take back the kind word to them and to your organization and the kind thoughts that come to my mind now, and say to them that I appreciate very much the thoughts that come with this gift, because I know it comes from the blood of our old boys and

to me it means much. As I said to you to-day, it means a desire to follow along in our footsteps, working for the cause of patriotism and Americanism. So to-night I know now why I said I was going and some one said I better stay. I know now why it happened. And I am just as thankful as I can be, and if you will carry these thoughts to them of my love and my best wishes I will appreciate it.

Chairman HEINTZ. Comrades, that closes our program for this evening. We will now close this camp fire with a selection by the United States Marine Band, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

(After the number by the United States Marine Band, the audience, at 10.37 o'clock p. m., was dismissed.)

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held on the forenoon of Wednesday, August 27, 1930, are taken from the Cincinnati papers of that and the following day:

[From the Times-Star]

TRAMP! TRAMP! VETERAN HEROES OF CIVIL WAR ON MARCH

CROWD ALONG LINE OF MARCH CHEERS LAST STAND OF G. A. R.—COLOR IN PARADE—VARIOUS UNITS, DESPITE YEARS, “LINE UP,” AS ON INSPECTION

[By Charles Ludwig]

“Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! The boys are marching.
“Cheer up, comrades! They will come!”

To the strains of the music of the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic marched by, Wednesday.

It was a stirring spectacle, the like of which Cincinnati never will behold again.

Glory and pathos blended in this Grand Army of the Republic parade.

Once more the boys of '61 “rallied round the flag” and marched proudly by.

Once more they tramped to the roll of drums.

Once more they responded to the shrill call of the fife and the note of the bugle, even as they did in the days of their youth.

With faltering step, but with hearts as courageous as when they followed Grant and Sherman, they marched by, Wednesday.

They marched with heads erect and colors flying, and the throng along the line of march gave them a tumultuous ovation.

These heroes, who saved the Union, had come from every part of the country, and the people of Cincinnati applauded vocally and with hands, with flowers, smiles, and confetti.

It was the last time Cincinnati will see the veterans march. The march of a mile was a joyous march of triumph for the Civil War veterans. The audience was so stirred by the spectacle that it gave ovation after ovation to the venerable marchers.

Three times Cincinnati has beheld the Grand Army of the Republic in parade—in 1869, 1898, 1930.

Wednesday, Cincinnati bade the veterans its adieu. They are aged—the war ended 65 years ago—and the veterans are from 80 to 90 years and more of age. This was their last national parade in Cincinnati, through which city so many of them traveled on their way South to war in '61-'65.

About 1,000 veterans marched. About 500 rode in automobiles. Only veterans and their escorts took part in the parade.

“Here come the old soldiers!” shouted the crowd—and all hats were lifted to the veterans.

The Civil War Musicians' Association, graybeards of '65, playing the fife as of yore, and beating drums with enthusiasm. The crowd gave them a big hand. A bent veteran passed holding the hand of his granddaughter and the crowd was spellbound.

Next came the Illinois division, and the veteran color bearer carried the Illinois flag. The Chicago Post Drum Corps of veterans made a gallant showing.

Then Wisconsin's delegation marched in peculiar formation, hands across on each other's shoulders. It was something new and the crowd cheered.

Bentley Post Drum Corps, with its woman leader, was next.

Then came the Pennsylvanians with their striking caps such as they wore in '61—a big delegation, with one of the soldiers wearing a deer tail on his cap.

And then a jolly veteran, singing and dancing as he marched. He made a hit with the crowd and got special applause.

BRIGHT COSTUMES

The Daughters of Union Veterans' Drum Corps of New Philadelphia, Ohio, in their bright costumes, passed.

A sergeant of Grant's army thought his line of soldiers was not marching well. "Straighten up!" he shouted, and trimmed his line while the spectators laughed.

The Daughters of Union Veterans' Drum Corps, Cincinnati, nattily clad, got a big hand. And the girls from Quincy, Ill., too, received an ovation. The World War Veterans' Drum Corps, Portland, Me., made a magnificent showing.

An extremely aged marcher hobbled along with the aid of two canes—but he was determined to go on. The Rhode Island veterans in white trousers made a classy appearance. Then came the Green Mountain State boys—the Vermont troop—with green twigs in their hats.

Negro veterans marched in the parade, too, and were applauded.

The Nebraska Drum Corps of veterans rode in a truck, a happy group.

Michigan's delegation was a large one, and included a spry veteran who danced along the line of march. A handsome veteran threw a kiss to the crowd.

Then came Alaska, represented by five veterans. And Florida, with one veteran, dressed in white. In the Montana delegation was a unique character with flowing hair, like Gen. George A. Custer.

Texas was represented by one soldier. He, too, was a dancer. The Ashland (Ohio) Women's Drum Corps, in white, created a sensation. Two girls carried a flag. The Kansas veterans wore the sunflower, emblem of their State.

The Park Avenue School, Newport (Ky.) Drum Corps, in yellow and white, was perhaps the largest in the parade and made a splendid appearance at the head of the Kentucky delegation.

A float with guns and soldiers and entrenchments; a car decorated in bright green; hundreds of cars filled with riding veterans, and the parade came to a close.

TWENTY THOUSAND VISITORS

It was estimated that there were more than 20,000 visitors in Cincinnati to see the parade. The line of march was crowded with persons who cheered as the "boys" passed.

The parade formed at Race Street and Garfield Place, proceeded south on Race to Sixth, east on Sixth to Walnut, to Fifth, to Main and north on Main to the reviewing stand in front of the courthouse.

The veterans wore proudly their uniforms, G. A. R. buttons, badges, and other insignia. There were veterans from Maine and from California and all the Northern and midsection States between. Several Southern States, too, were represented.

Although the Cincinnati committee, headed by Capt. Robert C. Bunge, and the parade chairman, Col. Simon Ross, offered automobiles to all veterans who preferred to ride in the parade, a majority declared that they preferred to walk.

The disabled veterans and most of those who are past 90 years, accepted the invitation to ride, but everyone who thought he could negotiate the 1-mile walk decided to march.

Chairs were placed along the line of march so that those who wished to fall out could rest, and medical first-aid stations also were situated every few blocks.

The parade was in two sections—first the escort and then the veterans.

Police Chief William Copelan with a squad of police, led the escort, and then followed Colonel Ross, officer-of-the-day, and his staff; the United States Marine Band; Cincinnati executive and parade committees; Tenth Infantry from Fort Thomas; One hundred forty-seventh Infantry; the Disabled Veterans of World War Band; Sons of Union Veterans, and Bently Post Band.

FATHERS AND SONS MARCH

In many instances the sons of veterans walked by the sides of their fathers.

At the head of the Grand Army of the Republic rode Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass., who ran away to war at the age of 14, and who was allowed to remain in the army only on condition that he obey his promise to his mother that he would not smoke or drink. And he kept his promise.

The commander in chief and his party dropped out of the parade at the reviewing stand at the courthouse and were saluted by the marchers as they passed as a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Walter Esberger, music chairman, had charge of the placing of the bands and drum corps and the National Association of Civil War Musicians had a place of honor with the veterans.

The first group of veterans was that from Illinois. Then came Wisconsin's warriors, then the representatives from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maine, California, Nevada, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, the Potomac, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Delaware, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia, South Dakota, Washington, Alaska, Arkansas, New Mexico, Utah, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Montana, Texas, Idaho, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, North Dakota, and Oklahoma.

The National Association of Naval Veterans were the final contingent.

Col. Jacob Secrest and Frederick Pfeister had charge of arrangements for the veterans who rode in automobiles. Boy Scouts, the police, and the National Guard Medical Corps assisted in caring for the veterans and an ambulance and hospital service was arranged. Aid stations were at the Cincinnati Club, 607 Walnut street; postoffice, 636 Main Street, and Central Parkway and Main Street.

A bomb at 9.45 a. m., was the signal to "get ready" and another at 10 was the signal to march.

[From the Commercial Tribune]

The parade, however, still is the chief topic of conversation among the veterans. They put their heart and soul into it, they anticipated it with pleasure for a year, and it always will remain the most vivid among their memories of the sixty-fourth national encampment.

Cincinnati, too, was deeply impressed by the sight of the veterans proudly marching through the streets in time to the Army tunes that inspired them back in '62.

Approximately 25,000 people lined the streets where the Grand Army of the Republic passed—one of the largest crowds seen here since Armistice day. The crowd cheered repeatedly, and many of the white-haired veterans courteously lifted their little blue "jockey" hats and bowed acknowledgment.

A thousand of the veterans marched the entire mile, winding through Cincinnati's streets, starting at Race Street and Garfield Place, going through Government Square and finally past the reviewing stand at the courthouse. Another 800, too feeble to walk, rode in automobiles.

Officials had expected that many of the old soldiers—they are all between 80 and 95 years old—would become ill from overexertion during the parade, but this was not the case. Three or four dropped out of the line of march and were taken the rest of the way by automobile, but no one was seriously affected. Whenever a veteran appeared ill a boy scout was sent to him to ask if he needed aid. One veteran resented the mere suggestion that he was getting to be an old fellow. He pushed the boy scout away with a loud laugh and broke into a jig, while the fife and drum corps behind him played "Yankee Doodle." He kept up his jigging for several blocks.

IN UNIFORM

Most of the veterans marched with spirit, but slowly. Some few of them wore civilian clothes, but most of them wore the blue uniforms of which they are so proud.

One very correct battalion from Pennsylvania wore the white vests, stiff white collars and white gloves that were the rule in Civil War days.

One veteran permitted his little granddaughter to march with him so that he could lean on her shoulder. Three old fellows who were becoming tired linked their arms together and gave each other support.

The parade somehow was a very sentimental procession. Soldiers and spectators both were sad—some of them even cried. Cincinnati might have been sending “the boys” off to war instead of honoring them for a war that was long past.

CONSCIOUS OF AGE

The remnant of the Union Army seemed conscious of its great age. Every member was thinking that perhaps this would be the last time for him—the last time he could don the blue uniform and march with his comrades. And Cincinnati's people were thinking that this undoubtedly was the last time the Grand Army would be here. It has been here twice before—in 1869 and in 1898—but this last time is the best. The old soldiers think so and the town thinks so.

Certainly the town did everything in its power to welcome the G. A. R. The downtown streets were lavishly decorated with flags, wreaths, and placards in memory of famous generals.

The parade was led by the United States Marine Band, brought here by a special act of Congress, and by the Tenth Infantry Band from Fort Thomas, the Bentley Post Band and a great many fife and drum corps were scattered along the line of march.

POLICE LEAD WAY

It started at 10 o'clock with the firing of a bomb. A squad of motorcycle policemen led the way, and behind them came Col. William Copelan, chief of police, and a detail of policemen.

Then came the veterans themselves. They were divided into State departments, with State flags identifying them. A part of the Pennsylvania delegation wore caps decorated with deer tails such as they wore in the war. Some thirty States were represented.

There was no accident during the entire parade, and Capt. Robert C. Bunge, chairman of the citizens' committee, and Simon Ross, officer of the day, held a special little ceremony afterwards to thank the police department for its excellent management of the crowd and its excellent care for the veterans.

OTHERS THANKED

They also thanked the Disabled Veterans of the World War Band and the Sons of the Union Veterans, who were a part of the escort for the parade. In many cases sons walked with their feeble fathers.

Commander in Chief Edwin J. Foster rode in an automobile at the head of the parade. He and his party dropped out when they reached the courthouse reviewing stand, and took their places there where they could watch the G. A. R. pass.

[From the Enquirer]

Once more the boys of '61 marched through Cincinnati's streets yesterday, and the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled here for their annual encampment, received a mighty tribute as they staged their annual parade.

There were many who made the long journey on foot. Men well into the nineties trudged past the reviewing stand at the courthouse with heads erect, then sought their life companions who were seated in the big reviewing stand on the Main Street side of the county building.

“Mother, I made it,” was the usual greeting as veteran and his helpmate clasped hands and then sank into a chair with an air of great satisfaction. There were many who rode in automobiles, but it was to those who marched that the throngs paid tribute.

Few parades have attracted greater throngs in Cincinnati. As early as 9 o'clock points of vantage were at a premium. Many came to occupy chairs in the reviewing stand, only to find all available space had been filled. But Cincinnati's generally were generous to the visitors and quickly offered seats when women long past the mark of four score years asked for seats to see the parade.

Many of the old soldiers had marched through Cincinnati's streets long years before, when they were being assembled to march to southern battlefields. But yesterday the Boys in Blue carried no muskets. Even the United States Infantry of the Regular Army discarded their weapons to march as an escort to Edwin J. Foster, commander in chief of the Grand Army.

Many old veterans insisted on carrying the flag. These men had carried the colors through many a hail of shot and shell, and when friends suggested that they employ younger men to carry the heavy banners they gave a grunt of disgust.

Negro soldiers seemed to stand the long, hot march well. One gray-topped veteran from a department of the South danced a jig as he reached the reviewing stand. The crowd gave him a cheer and the Marine Band struck up "Yankee Doodle," to the great delight of the veterans.

The veterans assembled at Garfield Place and promptly at 10 o'clock bombs announced the start of the parade. It was afternoon when the last automobile laden with veterans drove past the reviewing stand. It required 45 minutes for the military escort to reach the reviewing stand.

During the long wait the throng in the stands sang the songs of the Civil War days. Mrs. Mabelle Kline, Reading, member of the Woman's Relief Corps No. 10, had carried her cornet to the stand. She led the singing.

Cheer leaders, women from the auxiliaries of the G. A. R., urged the crowd to sing. Even "Dixie" was given a cheer when Mrs. Kline struck up the familiar tune. "Marching Through Georgia," "East Side, West Side," and "Rosy O'Grady" were followed by many other songs of other days. "Oh, Susanna, Don't You Cry For Me," made a big hit.

The police escort of the parade was followed by the United States Marine Band. As they neared the reviewing stand the leader struck up the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Then came the citizens' committee, and the disabled veterans of the World War.

The escort had marched at the usual military cadence. There was a long wait before the first delegation of veterans arrived. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic had been instructed to march slowly and their cadence was less than 70 steps a minute. Commander Foster left the parade and took his seat with his staff in the reviewing stand.

A delegation of Sons of Veterans in uniform from Newark, Ohio, with their drum corps led the veterans' division of the parade. Then came the drum corps of the National Association of Civil War Musicians. The drummers wore long gray beards.

Every State in the Union was represented in the parade. Grant Post, of Chicago, was among the leaders with a large number of aged marchers. The rear formation of this delegation wavered, but the old men trudged valiantly on. Sons of Veterans, whose appearance too, showed the weight of many years, mingled with the Grand Army members all through the parade.

Wisconsin's delegation marched by, arm in arm. Pennsylvania had the largest delegation of marchers. There were more than 80 of them, led by a bugle corps of young men and boys. The leader of the drum corps strutted in football style as he passed the reviewing stand. There was a startling contrast when the men who followed filed by. A wave of pathos invaded the pageantry.

New York's delegation was led by a woman's drum corps from New Philadelphia, Ohio, all members of the Daughters of Union Veterans. The woman's drum corps of the Cincinnati Chapter, Daughters of Union Veterans, led the Grand Army men from the Department of Connecticut. Massachusetts had a delegation of 30 marchers. The Department of Maine was led by a World War Veterans' drum corps from Portland.

Charles Grandy, former slave, led the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, but he had only four followers. The Department of Michigan used its own drum corps, composed of members of the G. A. R. In the Michigan delegation many daughters marched with their fathers. Iowa marched past the stand singing "That's Where the Tall Corn Grows."

The Ohio delegation was one of the largest. Toledo posts were given the place of honor, followed by Cleveland. One old veteran with a long gray beard kicked as high as his head as he passed his commander in chief, and drew a big hand from the crowd.

Indiana Sons of Veterans marched with their fathers. Kansas had 80 men who had made the journey on foot. The Newport Park Avenue School Drum Corps led the Kentucky delegation and the bright uniforms of the children

pleased the people who were packed on the sidewalk. Oregon had but one man in line. Florida had a delegation of 40 among whom was an aged Seminole Indian.

Idaho sent four women attired in white uniforms to lead her veterans in the parade. Oklahoma won distinction with her delegation because a veteran from this State carried the largest flag in the parade.

Those unable to march occupied automobiles in what was probably one of the longest automobile parades ever staged on Cincinnati's streets. The automobiles filed past the reviewing stand at a rapid pace for 40 minutes. As those who were compelled to ride went by, the Marine Band and the Tenth Infantry Band played tunes of the Civil War days. The two bands, the police escort and the Tenth Infantry had lined up on the west side of Main Street opposite the courthouse to greet the veterans.

Boy Scouts of Cincinnati did splendid work during the parade. Stretcher bearers were stationed all along the line of march. The boys carried chairs and bottles of cold water. Many women who were among the members of the Woman's Relief Corps felt the heat of the sun and neared collapse, but the prompt offer of a seat and a glass of cold water speedily revived them.

One woman collapsed in the court house reviewing stand, but she was taken to the corridor of the treasurer's office, where she was revived and was able to go to her hotel.

Judge Simon Ross, former colonel of the Ohio National Guard, was grand marshal of the parade and he handled the military arrangements so well that the program was completed with few delays.

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GENERAL ORDER }
No. 1
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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Portland, Me., September 12, 1929.

Having been elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by the Sixty-third National Encampment, which met at Portland, Me., September 11 and 12, and having been duly installed, I accept the position, realizing the great responsibilities my acceptance places upon me. In assuming the many and important duties pertaining to the office, it will be my earnest desire to advance the interests of our grand order, to increase its fraternities, and to do all in my power to maintain the high standard it holds in the hearts of the people to-day. I ask every member of our beloved order to do his part in helping me to keep the Grand Army of the Republic an organization worthy the respect and confidence of all the people.

The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant general, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, Mass.; quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y. Further appointments will be made in future orders.

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief.*

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 2
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HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
ROOM 27, STATE HOUSE,
Boston, Mass., September 25, 1929.

I. At the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Portland, Me., September 11 and 12, 1929, the following-named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief, Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass.

Senior vice commander in chief, Charles E. Nason, Portland, Me.

Junior vice commander in chief, James W. Shields, Boise, Idaho.

Surgeon general, Edward H. Cowan, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in chief, Rev. J. King Gibson, Dayton, Ohio.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: John A. Barr, Citronelle.

Arkansas: Cos Altenberg, Little Rock.

California and Nevada: William H. Noll, Los Angeles.

Colorado and Wyoming: William Wilson, Denver.

Connecticut: Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford.

Delaware: William Buckius, Wilmington.

Florida: M. W. Strong, St. Petersburg.

Georgia and South Carolina: Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Idaho: Otto F. Steen, Boise.

Illinois: William P. Wright, Chicago.

Indiana: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne.

Iowa: Oley Nelson, Slater.

Kansas: W. W. Nixon, Jewell City.

Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville.

Louisiana and Mississippi: John Stogner, Lake Providence, La.

Maine: Nathaniel White, Augusta.

Maryland: George Prechtel, Baltimore.

Massachusetts: Henry Clark, North Cambridge.

Michigan: Albert Dunham, Lansing.

Minnesota: Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.
 Missouri: H. M. Anderson, Kansas City.
 Montana: W. C. Lewis.
 Nebraska: E. F. Brown, Lincoln.
 New Hampshire: H. S. Paul, Portsmouth.
 New Jersey: William O. Allen, Newark.
 New York: Samuel C. Pierce, Rochester.
 North Dakota: J. W. Carroll, Lisbon.
 Ohio: Emmett F. Taggart, Akron.
 Oklahoma: John Powell, Anadorka.
 Oregon: Charles True, Newberg.
 Pennsylvania: W. F. Hambright, Lancaster.
 Potomac: John Middleton, Washington, D. C.
 Rhode Island: Samuel A. Whelden, East Providence.
 South Dakota: W. A. Thompson, Huron.
 Texas: Max Hart, Houston.
 Utah: W. L. Goodsell, Salt Lake City.
 Vermont: E. J. Foster, Waterbury Center.
 Virginia and North Carolina: H. W. House, Portsmouth, Va.
 Washington and Alaska: J. E. Gandy, Spokane.
 West Virginia: J. M. Smith, Wheeling.
 Wisconsin: E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.

The following staff appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Newton, Mass.

Quartermaster general, Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

Judge advocate general, J. W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

Inspector general, William H. Noll, Los Angeles, Calif.

National patriotic instructor, Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Assistant adjutant general, James H. Webb, Boston, Mass.

Assistant quartermaster general and custodian, Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chief of staff, George A. Hosley, West Somerville, Mass.

Senior aide, M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Executive committee: Commander in chief, senior vice commander, adjutant general, quartermaster general, ex officio; Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis, Minn.; William P. Wright, Chicago, Ill.; W. F. Hambright, Lancaster, Pa.; Emmett F. Taggart, Akron, Ohio; William O. Allen, Newark, N. J.; Adrian P. Sloan, Hartford, Conn.; Henry Clark, North Cambridge, Mass.

Further appointments will be made in future orders.

Committee on legislation: John Reese, Broken Bow, Nebr.; Samuel R. Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John R. King, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. H. A. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

Committee on rules and regulations: David N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Wilbur F. Henry, St. Louis, Mo.; Jacob Secrest, Cincinnati, Ohio; W. H. Cheseborough, Beloit, Wis.; Lyman A. Gilbert, Detroit, Mich.

II. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic has been established in room 27, State House, Boston, Mass.

All official communications should be addressed to Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general, at that address.

III. All requisitions for supplies must be sent to Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 502 Commercial Trust Building, 10 W. Seneca Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

All drafts, checks and post-office money orders must be made payable to Cola D. R. Stowits.

Remittances for less than \$5 must be sent by post-office money order.

IV. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send the names of department chaplains to the chaplain in chief, J. King Gibson, National Soldiers Home, Dayton, Ohio.

V. Assistant adjutants general will please send to the commander in chief, room 27, State House, Boston, Mass., a copy of department roster and journal of the last department encampment, also general orders as issued.

VI. Department commanders will please send to the commander in chief names of comrades whom they wish appointed as aides-de-camp. Give full name and address and the name and number of the post to which the comrades belong. They will be notified from this office.

VII. The official badge for aides de camp is: Rank strap, silver eagle on black enamel field, ribbon composed of the flag with buff border. Each aide-de-camp will remit \$1 for badge and commission. This covers the cost, together with printing and postage. If the comrade appointed has a badge he will remit only 50 cents to cover cost of commission and mailing.

VIII. Assistant adjutants general will forward promptly to this office notice of the death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, together with a brief sketch of military and Grand Army service for publication in general orders. Permanent members of the national encampment are past commanders in chief, past senior and junior vice commanders in chief, past adjutants general, past quartermasters general, past chaplains in chief, past surgeons general and past department commanders, past department senior and junior vice commanders.

IX. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief through department headquarters. The judge advocate general can render an opinion to the commander in chief only.

X. The commander in chief wishes to visit officially as many department encampments as possible, and will be pleased if department commanders will notify him soon as to date and location of the 1930 encampment, that he may arrange his itinerary to reach the greatest possible number of departments. If department commanders will confer with neighboring departments, and arrange so encampments will not come on the same date, it will help very much.

XI. The following amendment to rules and regulations was adopted by the council of administration: "The per capita tax of departments to national shall be 2 cents per member, in lieu of 3½ cents as heretofore charged."

XII. A resolution providing for an increase of pensions to maimed veterans was referred to the legislative committee.

The following resolutions were adopted by the encampment:

I

The State of Pennsylvania, the birthplace of this great Nation and the Cradle of Liberty, possesses many historical shrines, and the people of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are justly proud of these sacred shrines, and deeply interested in the proper maintenance and preservation of them. One of these shrines is the Gettysburg Battlefield, the soil of which was crimsoned with the red blood of humble patriots whose sacrifices preserved the Union of the States and perpetuated for all time this great Nation in its entirety, the first nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the principle that all men are created equal, recognizing the inherent right of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the principle that government functions by and with the consent of the people; a Nation which, under the guidance of Divine Providence, has in a century and a half of life become the greatest Nation ever developed by man.

Some years ago the Gettysburg Battlefield was conveyed to the Federal Government. It is not being properly maintained and preserved, and the great memorial erected there by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is in such a neglected condition that it is only a matter of a few years before the disintegration will take place, due to this neglect, while other conditions are not in harmony with the reverence and respect that is due to this sacred spot, consecrated by the brave men, living and dead, who struggled there in a great cause. We believe that the greatest and richest Nation in the world can consistently do no less than properly maintain and preserve its historical shrines, that they may give inspiration to coming generations for a proper appreciation of the sacrifices that have made this great Nation possible, and a standard of citizenship that will insure its perpetuity.

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the Grand Army of the Republic, in encampment assembled, do hereby protest against the neglect of the Gettysburg Battlefield on the part of the Federal Government, and do hereby respectfully remind the Government of its duty and obligation in this matter.

Be it further resolved, That this resolution become a part of the minutes of these proceedings, and that copies be sent to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of War.

II

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, in national encampment assembled, have learned with much regret that the services of their comrades

during the four long years of the War of 1861–1865 have been totally neglected by the committee, trustees, and the board of directors having in charge the erection of the George Washington Memorial Building on ground donated by Congress on the north side of Henry Park, between Sixth and Seventh and B streets, in the City of Washington, D. C., the cornerstone of which was laid on November 14, 1921, by stating in their prospectuses, plans and designs of said building that “there were but two periods in which our country was called upon to fight for our independence, 1776 and 1917,” thus totally ignoring the valuable services, suffering, and great sacrifices of the heroes of 1812, 1847, 1861–1865, and 1898.

Be it further resolved, That we enter our solemn and serious protest of such neglect, and request that the quotation stated above be omitted from all publications hereafter, and a similar clause substituted, stating, “To commemorate the services of George Washington and all the heroes who participated in the War of the Revolution and all succeeding wars in which our country has been engaged.”

Resolved, That bronze tablets be prepared and placed upon the walls of the auditorium of said memorial building, in memory of the heroes of the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the war against Spain, and the World War, citing some of the principal battles of those wars.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of War, president of the board of directors, trustees, and committee having in charge the erection of said building.

III

Whereas a communication signed by the department commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina has been presented to the committee on resolutions of this encampment, asking, in view of the few members of said department and their enfeebled condition, that the funds hitherto turned over to such department for the decoration of soldiers' graves in the Andersonville Cemetery, be, in the future, turned over to the Woman's Relief Corps in said department for the decoration of such graves; and

Whereas attached to such communication is an agreement, signed by the president and a committee from Colony Corps No. 2, Woman's Relief Corps of Fitzgerald, Ga., that it will to the best of their ability do such work;

Be it resolved, That the national encampment approves such request, and accepts the offer of said Woman's Relief Corps so tendered.

IV

Resolved, That the absence of a monument to commemorate the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee to Gen. U. S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va., is not in keeping with the respect we owe to the generalship that led up to that memorable event;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Grand Army of the Republic, in national encampment assembled, That Congress be, and it is hereby, urged to take proper steps, while a remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic is left, to erect a memorial monument in keeping with the dignity and appreciation of this great Nation, and to preserve Appomattox Court House, Va., as a national shrine.

V

Resolved, That Senate bill 3528 be approved in the following form:

“A BILL Granting pensions to certain disabled children of veterans of the Civil War and the war with Spain

“*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That every child of a veteran of the Civil War or the war with Spain, over the age of 16 years, who has become blind or so disabled as to become helpless, shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$36 a month.

“SEC. 2. As used in section 1 of this act, the term ‘veteran’ means a person who served 90 days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, and was honorably discharged therefrom, or who, having so served for less than 90 days, died in such service or was honorably discharged for a disability incurred in such service, and in the line of duty.

"SEC. 3. Any person entitled to receive the pension provided for by this act may continue to receive in lieu thereof any greater pension to which he may be entitled under any other law, public or private.

"SEC. 4. The pension under this act shall commence on the date application therefor is filed in the Bureau of Pensions. Applications shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior."

VI

Resolved, That the decision of Judge Advocate General Robert W. McBride, with respect to honors attained by Comrade John N. Stewart of the Department of Illinois, is in accordance with the facts, and that Comrade Stewart is entitled to all the honors he possessed prior to his court-martial.

VII

Resolved, That the encampment we are now enjoying has been most pleasant. The State and city authorities, the good people of the city, the Girl and Boy Scouts, the police, the trolley company, and the newspapers have done all in their power to make our visit a success. After the Rocky Mountains we saw at Denver, the calm, beautiful bay surrounding the city of Portland was a delightful change. As we wend our way homeward we shall carry the fact that while Portland is not one of the large cities of our country, it is one of the most delightful.

For the many congratulations and words of good cheer that have come to him from all parts of our land, the commander in chief takes this method of expressing his thanks, and again renews the pledge, "that he will devote his best energies to the welfare of our beloved organization."

By command of—

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief*.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Adjutant General*.

		HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
GENERAL ORDER }		ROOM 27, STATE HOUSE,
No. 3 }		<i>Boston, Mass., February 6, 1930.</i>

Special attention is called to Article VI in this order.

I. PENSIONS

While there is not much to report at the present time, I can say that from all that we are able to learn by a personal interview with leading members in both Houses of Congress, we feel the prospects are good for our obtaining the increase we have asked for. The commander in chief and the chairman of the legislative committee spent 10 days in Washington working incessantly in the interest of our pension bill. We are now awaiting the movements of the Pension Committee which will notify us as soon as a date for the hearing on the bill can be arranged.

II. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24 to 29, 1930.

The various passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, certificate plan. Complete information will be given in General Order No. 4.

Those entitled to reduced rates are:

- (a) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (b) Wives and dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (c) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (d) Members, and dependent members of the families of members, of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:
 1. National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.
 2. Woman's Relief Corps.
 3. Ladies of the G. A. R.

4. Daughters of Union Veterans of 1861-1865.
5. Sons of Union Veterans of 1861-1865.
6. Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of 1861-1865.

All requests for accommodations during the encampment in Cincinnati must be made to Mr. Dan M. Myers, Hotel Alms, chairman of hotels and accommodation committee.

The following is a list of hotels and rates:

Hotel Gibson, Fourth and Walnut Streets: Single, \$3 up; double, \$4.50 up.
 Hotel Sinton, Fourth and Vine Streets: Single, \$2.50 up; double, \$4.50 up.
 Hotel Metropole, Sixth and Walnut Streets: Single, \$3 up; double, \$4.50 up.
 Hotel Havlin, Vine Street and Opera Place: Single, \$2.50 up; double, \$4 up.
 Grand Hotel, Fourth Street and Central Avenue: Single, \$2.50 up; double \$4 up.

Fountain Square Hotel, Fifth and Vine Streets: Single, \$2.50 up; double, \$4.50 up.

Hotel Alms, McMillan Street and Alms Place: Single, \$2.50 up; double, \$4.50 up.

Parkview Hotel, Garfield Place: Single, \$2.50 up; double, \$4 up.

Palace Hotel, Sixth and Vine Streets: Single, \$2 up; double, \$4 up.

Hotel Dennison, Fifth and Main Streets: Single, \$2 up; double, \$4 up.

III

National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established at Hotel Gibson. Further information will be given in future General Orders.

IV

Assistant adjutant generals must forward Form "D" with per capita tax to Cola D. R. Stowits, quartermaster general, 502 Commercial Trust Building, 10 West Seneca Street, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Form "C" to this office.

V. COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Comrade Lewis S. Pilcher, past commander in chief, is hereby appointed advisory member of the committee on legislation.

VI. SPECIAL INFORMATION

The rules of the Grand Army of the Republic allow only members of the Sons of Union Veterans to attend post meetings.

No one, except a comrade of the Grand Army, in good standing, can be elected into any office of the Grand Army.

No one, excepting a comrade, can be installed into any office.

The titles of all offices must be in the name of a comrade.

If the comrades appointed as adjutant and quartermaster are unable to perform the clerical duties of their offices, the commander may appoint a person not a member of the Grand Army to a position to be designated as secretary or clerk.

The duties of the secretry are wholly clerical.

They can have no voice or vote in the meetings of posts.

They can not sign reports, checks, or orders.

They can not serve on committees and can not be installed.

VII

Department commanders desiring to recommend comrades as aides on the staff of the commander in chief are requested to do so at once.

VIII

Department commanders are requested to send the names of their department patriotic instructor to Charles W. Blodgett, national patriotic instructor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

IX

The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides de camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

T. D. Swick, 595 East Fifth Avenue, Pomona.
 George Wikle, Box 52, Chico.
 William Bundy, 4427 Seventh Street, Chico.
 Eric A. May, 2424 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley.
 Peter Dietderick, 524 East Oak Street, Lodi.
 W. G. Collins, 817 East Willson Street, Glendale.
 W. A. Johnson, 2640 Dalton Avenue, Los Angeles.
 John T. Nourse, Market and McAllister Streets, San Francisco.
 W. S. Winter, 363 North Thirteenth Street, San Jose.
 Samuel R. Yoho, 362 Thirtieth Avenue, San Francisco.
 Martin Guth, 4114 Broadway, Oakland.
 Lewis Dille, box 142, Los Gatos.
 William W. Stewart, box 52, Chico.
 William H. Lawrence, 1282 Naglee Avenue, San Jose.
 H. H. Woodruff, 637 Forty-fifth Street, Oakland.
 H. M. Mingay, route 1, box 48, Tujunga.
 William H. Wharff, 2000 Delaware Street, Berkeley.
 W. J. Collins, Memorial Hall, Chico.
 Abraham L. Hess, 217 West Gutierrez Street, Santa Barbara.
 Robert M. Crouch, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.
 Darwin B. Walcott, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.
 Cyrus C. Case, Hermosa Beach, California.
 James D. Smith, 1838 Federal Avenue, West Los Angeles.
 E. I. Drisko, Santa Monica.
 Jesse Milliken, 405 West Locust Street, Lodi.
 W. J. Lisser, K. P. Hall, Santa Ana.
 Franklin Ross, 1253 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica.
 R. A. Critchlon, 1044 West Fifty-fourth Street, Los Angeles.
 H. L. Judell, 475 Fourth Street, San Francisco.
 Thomas McNell, 2011 East One-hundredth Street, Watts.
 S. W. Hopkins, Lodi.
 Marcus T. Manus, 10321 Croesus Avenue, Los Angeles.
 Alfred J. Shaw, 3301 East First Street, Los Angeles.
 L. G. Mosher, 1510 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara.
 A. C. Shafer, 1801 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles.
 W. H. Sallada, 1044 West Thirtieth Street, Los Angeles.
 W. E. Park, 115 Andover Street, San Francisco.
 Charles Scott Bond, 714 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara.
 Russell Tremain, 2103 West 78th Street, Los Angeles.
 H. C. Veatch, Gridley.
 E. G. Robinson, 1158 Main Street, Santa Clara.
 T. A. Robinson, 322 North Maryland Street, Glendale.
 William H. Noll, 1333 Linwood Avenue, Los Angeles.
 Frank W. Mann, 225 West Twelfth Street, Long Beach.
 Joseph B. Evarts, 1720 West Forty-first Street, Los Angeles.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—continued

W. N. Carter, 140 South California Street, Stockton.
 E. G. Wilkinson, box 126, Stockton.
 John C. Chapman, Memorial Hall, San Francisco.
 Myron T. Gilmore, Columbine Hall, San Diego.
 George W. Sines, 931 Park Street, Alameda.
 F. R. Young, 3428 Salisbury Street, Oakland.
 D. D. Cheney, 6076 Hayes Avenue, Los Angeles.
 John W. Hanville, 64 Continental Street, Santa Cruz.
 J. A. Kennedy, 611 Belmont Avenue, Los Angeles.
 William H. Mershon, 1816 Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.
 Eleroy C. Smith, 1126½ E Street, Long Beach.
 James S. France, 2317 Addison Way, Eagle Rock.
 A. J. Baldwin, Monte Vista Street, San Bernardino.
 A. S. Stimson, 4830 Kansas Street, San Diego.
 A. T. Aldrich, 648 Hanson Street, Stockton.
 D. Hetzel, Guerneville.
 Henry Yost, 1451 Sacramento Street, San Francisco.
 Dr. O. H. Mennet, 4903 Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles.
 Thomas McNell, 10105 Beach Street, Los Angeles.
 S. H. Enyeart, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.
 J. William West, Memorial Hall, Oakland.
 J. S. Stone, M. D., Healdsboro.
 Jay Beach, 2209 Bancroft Street, Berkeley.
 W. P. Bryant, 3121 Dumas Street, San Diego.
 F. E. Wyman, 224 Delmas Avenue, San Jose.
 Edward Davis, 805 Seventh Street, San Bernardino.

DELAWARE

Henry Banzett, 320 North Governors Avenue, Dover.

IOWA

Oley Nelson, Slater.

KENTUCKY

J. D. Compton, box 291, Covington.
 John M. Dinser, 2040 Garrett Street, Covington.
 R. R. Graham, 622 South Seminary Street, Madisonville.
 M. H. Davidson, 655 South 35th Street, Louisville.
 Thomas A. Casey, 314 6th Avenue, Dayton.

MAINE

George T. Benson, 41 Maple Street, Oakland.
 Samuel F. Emerson, Skowhegan.
 Albert R. Hill, East Brownfield.

MARYLAND

John A. Harper, 1005 Boyd Street, Baltimore.
 Richard Shields, 121 McMachon Street, Baltimore.
 Noah Underwood, 1815 East Walnut Street, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS

Leonard Boyd, 161 Allerton Road, Newton Highlands.
 E. G. Frothingham, Haverhill.
 Henry Whittemore, 47 Worcester Lane, Waltham.
 George L. Hall, 571 Freeport Street, Dorchester.
 John J. Byrne, 16 Violet Street, Lynn.
 Julius A. Fitts, Main Street, Medfield.
 John F. Hatch, 37 Linden Street, Rockland.
 Wm. H. Eldridge, 1407 Commonwealth Avenue, Allston.
 Samuel Brookings, 8 Parsons Street, Newburyport.
 J. F. Stoddard, 334 Washington Avenue, Chelsea.
 Charles W. Smith, 173 High Street, Newburyport.
 D. N. Steingardt, 58 Andrew Street, Lynn.
 G. H. Carpenter, 36 Lafayette Street, Fairhaven.
 Francis J. O'Reilly, 9 Saville Street, Cambridge.
 James A. Wright, 19 Sherman Street, Beverly.
 Henry N. Hopkins, 7 Maple Street, Taunton.
 W. D. Ryerson, 95 Landseer Street, West Roxbury.
 Alex. S. Wright, 58 Andrew Street, Lynn.
 Edward Hague, G. A. R. Hall, Fall River.
 Walter E. Swan, 110 Richmond Street, Dorchester.
 Colon S. Ober, 42 Central Street, Auburn-dale.
 E. H. Stoddard, 75 Austin Street, Newtonville.
 Dudley L. Page, 427 Andover Street, Lowell.
 F. D. Shattuck, 89 Day Street, Fitchburg.
 Wallace Kenney, 9 Euclid Street, Dorchester.
 G. J. Montgomery, 54 North Street, North Adams.
 Orrin Stone, 128 Salem Street, Malden.
 W. C. M. Howe, 3 Fulton Street, Reading.
 Albert A. Buxton, 82 Culley Street, Fitchburg.
 David King, 44 Prospect Street, Everett.
 Henri Batchelder, 16 Forest Avenue, Everett.
 George W. Corey, 93 Chapin Street, Southbridge.
 Fred E. Sprague, 58 Andrew Street, Lynn.
 Wm. M. Mick, Newton Centre.
 Joseph A. Cleveland, G. A. R. Hall, Worcester.
 Wm. H. Adams, 40 June Street, Worcester.
 D. W. Hoyt, 202 Clark Street, Worcester.
 William F. Dodge, 58 Andrew Street, Lynn.
 C. J. Linehan, 26 Wilfred Street, West Lynn.
 E. E. Larrabee, 14 Green Street, Lynn.
 J. Hiram S. Pearson, 81 Beach Road, Winthrop.
 Jason B. Hersey, Rockland.
 Albert F. Morris, 19 Franklin Street, Marblehead.
 Charles A. S. Troup, 36 Bellevue Avenue, Winthrop.

MINNESOTA

John H. Hellweg, 893 Selby Avenue, St. Paul.
 Milton Selby, box 152, La Crescent.

MISSOURI

J. W. Caney, 4027 Troast Avenue, Kansas City.
 Charles H. Mitchell, 4003 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City.
 Sidney L. Daily, 4003 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City.
 James H. McEwen, 4003 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City.
 William S. Shepherd, 4003 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City.

NEW JERSEY

G. E. Eldridge, 15 Park Avenue, Dumont.

NEW YORK

Edward Barr, 470 Park Avenue, New York City.
 Wm. Sturgis, Beverly Road, Merrick, Long Island.

PENNSYLVANIA

Thomas J. Dolphin, 314 South Jackson Street, Media.
 William L. Sayles, 463 Mable Avenue, Annville.
 Martin R. Good, Bareville.
 J. H. Pershing, Flinton.
 George Hammell, 2131 Carlisle Street, Philadelphia.
 H. V. Carls, 921 Twenty-third Avenue, Altoona.
 W. A. McKay, Utica, Venango County.
 Pearson S. Clime, 1904 North Twenty-fourth Street, Philadelphia.
 Wade J. Day, 234 East Maider Street, Washington.
 Nathan Shafer, 431 East Walnut Street, Hazelton.
 R. N. Spohn, 134 Second Street, Aspinwall.
 A. T. Anderson, 203 Brown Building, Washington.
 Charles W. Loomis, 7454 McClure Avenue, Swirvale.
 W. H. Walters, 15 South Robinson Street, Philadelphia.
 H. J. Harrold, Conshohocken.

POTOMAC

John T. Ryan, 759 Seventh Street SE., Washington.
 J. A. McDowell, 306 C Street, Washington.
 Henry T. Dunbar, 4423 Greenwich Parkway, Washington.

RHODE ISLAND

Charles F. Read, 20 Church Street, Pawtucket.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Theodore Johnson, Military Road, route 1, Roslyn.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Frank Harrington, 703 East North Street, Bellingham.
 G. W. Stafford, box 262, Vancouver.

WISCONSIN

W. H. Chesbrough, box 144, Beloit.
 E. B. Heimstreet, Lake Mills.
 Robert H. Johnson, Wausau.
 Joseph Vermilyea, 460 Cleveland Street, Eau Claire.
 Albert C. Morse, Lancaster.
 Edward McGlachlin, Stevens Point.
 S. W. Campbell, Hudson.
 Benjamin H. Towle, Barab'o.
 Henry Stannard, Greenbush.
 C. L. Hooker, 3826 East St. Croix Street, Superior.
 J. A. Perry, 329 Highland Avenue, Beloit.
 W. H. Wheeler, Beloit.
 Sheldon Bratt, route 3, New London.
 George O. Breed, 410 Jefferson Street, Milwaukee.
 Peter Crave, 1119 St. Lawrence Avenue, Beloit.
 John Luick, 535 Terrace Avenue, Milwaukee.
 Charles M. Hambright, G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Milwaukee.

X. CORRECTION

In list of council of administration, as published in General Order No. 2, the name of H. P. Carson, Huron, S. Dak., should be substituted in place of W. A. Thompson.

XI

In addition to the resolutions sent out in General Order No. 2, the following were acted upon at the Portland encampment:

Reported by the committee on rules and regulations—

“That a committee be appointed by the incoming commander in chief to codify the laws enacted since 1922, and publish the same for the information of members, and that it should be incorporated in the journal of 1930”; and it was so voted.

“A resolution asking the trustees of the George Washington Memorial Building, now in process of erection in Washington, to include the dates of all wars on the inscription thereon” was adopted.

“A bill to increase pensions for certain maimed veterans who have become totally disabled” was referred to the incoming committee on legislation.

“A resolution that the funds, hitherto turned over to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina for care and decoration of graves in Andersonville, be in future turned over to the Woman’s Relief Corps of that department for the decoration of such graves,” was approved by the national encampment.

“A resolution asking Congress to erect a suitable memorial tablet at Appomattox Courthouse as a national shrine” was approved.

“A resolution petitioning Congress to grant a pension of \$36 a month to every child of a veteran of the Civil War who has become blind, or so disabled as to be totally helpless,” was unanimously adopted.

“A resolution that the Grand Army of the Republic recognize the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic” was laid on the table.

“A resolution asking that the encampment approve a joint meeting of the Blue and Gray was disapproved by the committee on resolutions. A minority report was submitted that the encampment favor such a reunion, and that a joint parade of the Blue and Gray be held in Washington in 1930 or 1931. On motion it was voted the minority report be laid on the table.”

“A resolution rebuking the commander in chief for a statement in his address that no more national encampments be held in the territory of the New England Passenger Association, because that association had declined to grant a request for a diverse route on the return trip from the encampment,” was laid on the table.

“A resolution that the decision of Judge Advocate General McBride is in accordance with the facts in the Stewart case, and that he is entitled to the honors he possessed prior to his court martial,” was adopted.

“A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Portland for the entertainment and courtesies extended to the members of the national encampment during their visit in Portland” was unanimously adopted.

By command of

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief.*

Attest:

WILFORD A. WETHERBEE, *Adjutant General.*

IN MEMORIAM

Past Commander in Chief John B. Inman died December 15, 1929. He was born in Minnesota. He served in the Army till the close of the war. He served as captain in the Spanish War. He was commander of the Department of Illinois and was elected commander in chief in 1925. For him “taps are sounded; lights are out; the soldier sleeps.”

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade U. S. Hollister, late captain, Company K, Thirteenth Wisconsin Infantry, and past commander, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, passed away September 3, 1929.

INDIANA

Reverend Comrade Lewis King, past commander of the Department of Indiana, passed away July 30, 1929. He was born in December, 1845. He enlisted in Company H, Twenty-seventh Indiana Infantry, in July, 1861, and was discharged in September, 1864.

KANSAS

Theodore Gardner, past department commander, passed away at his home in Lawrence, Kans., September 28, 1929, aged 84 years. He enlisted as private in the First Kansas Battery January 7, 1862, and was discharged as sergeant June 7, 1865.

KENTUCKY

Capt. John Barr, past department commander, enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Kentucky Infantry, in July, 1861. He was elected department commander in 1912. He also served as assistant adjutant and assistant quartermaster general from 1919 to 1928. He died August 28, 1929.

Capt. Edwin Farley enlisted August 26, 1861, in Company K, Eighth Wisconsin Infantry. He served through the Vicksburg campaign. In December, 1863, he was promoted to first lieutenant in the Third United States Colored Cavalry, and was finally discharged January 26, 1866. He held many positions of trust—collector of internal revenue, postmaster at Paducah, and was State treasurer for four years. He was department commander in 1914. He died at his home in Paducah September 18, 1929.

MAINE

Nahum H. Pillsbury, past department commander, died suddenly at his home August 25, 1929, in his eighty-sixth year. He served in Company I, Fifth Maine Infantry, three years. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and held the respect of all who knew him.

MICHIGAN

Past Department Commander Charles A. Bartlett passed away August 13, 1929. He enlisted in Company G, Fifth Massachusetts Infantry. Served as department commander in 1927-28.

MISSOURI

Past Department Commander John W. Scott died at his home, at Dayton Beach, Fla., October 29, 1929. He served in the Twenty-third Ohio Infantry, and was discharged August 10, 1865. He was department commander in 1899.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade Godfrey Dillaway, past junior vice commander of the Department of New Jersey, passed away August 28, 1929.

Comrade Uriah Seeley, past junior vice commander and past national patriotic instructor, died October 3, 1929.

Augustus Van Gleason, past department commander, died at his home in Hackensack, September 18, 1929. He served in the Navy during the Civil War, and also during the Spanish War.

Past Department Senior Vice Commander J. H. White died December 29, 1929. He was a member of the Thirty-fifth New Jersey Infantry.

NEW YORK

John S. Marwell died May 19, 1929, at Amsterdam, N. Y. He served in the United States Navy. He was elected department commander in 1906, and held the office of judge advocate for many years.

Abraham H. Tompkins, department senior vice commander, passed away July 2, 1929, aged 84 years. He enlisted October 13, 1862, as drum major in the One hundred and sixty-eighth New York Infantry, and was discharged October 31, 1863. He was a charter member of Post No. 60.

OKLAHOMA

The death of Cyrus P. Green, past department commander of Post No. 19 of Enid, is reported. He served as department commander in 1903.

POTOMAC

John McElroy, past department commander, died October 12, 1929. He had been managing editor of the National Tribune since 1884. He held the office of senior vice commander in chief in 1901, and at the time of his death was serving his sixteenth term as commander of Kit Carson Post. He was a member of the Fine Arts Commission, and a past president of the National Association of Ex-War Prisoners.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Past Department Commander Francis S. Sebree. He served in 1918. He held the position of State librarian for many years.

R. T. Sedam, department commander in 1926 passed away in December, 1929. He was beloved by all who knew him.

TENNESSEE

J. H. Simpson died July 1, 1929. He enlisted August 14, 1863, in the Sixth Tennessee Cavalry. He was discharged June 10, 1864. Department commander in 1923.

Andrew J. Gahagan died at his home on Signal Mountain, Tenn., November 17, 1929. He was born in Madison County, N. C., February 23, 1844. At the beginning of the Civil War he was a student at the Bascom College in Leicester, N. C., leaving there in 1861 to take up arms with the Union Army. He made his way into Kentucky, where on January 20, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Union Army. Promotions came to him rapidly, until he received the commission of first lieutenant in Company D of the First Tennessee Cavalry. He held many positions of responsibility during his life as a citizen. The Chattanooga Times refers to him as mayor, soldier, merchant, banker, and one of Chattanooga's most public-spirited citizens for 66 years.

VERMONT

Walter W. Martin, past department commander, died at his home in Middlebury, Vt., October 3, 1929, aged 86 years. He enlisted July 23, 1862, in Company B, Eleventh Vermont Infantry, and was discharged June 23, 1865.

WISCONSIN

John Wesley Ganes died October 12, 1929. He enlisted in the First Wisconsin Cavalry in 1861; discharged July 9, 1865. He served as department commander in 1906 and 1907. He served on the board of the Wisconsin Veterans' Home, and was its commandant in 1914.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 4 }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Room 27, State House,
Boston, Mass., April 1, 1930.

I. In accordance with rules and regulations, as well as established custom, Friday, May 30, will be observed by the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, their allied organizations, and by the patriotic citizens generally, as Memorial Day.

It was 62 years ago, in May, 1868, that Commander in Chief John A. Logan issued his famous General Orders No. 11—a classic in patriotic literature—which firmly established a practice in all the intervening years, with an ever-increasing observance. Again let the Grand Army of the Republic prove to all mankind that throughout this land eyes have not grown dull, hands slack, nor hearts cold in the solemn trust, and that our children will keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in them.

Advancing age admonishes us that the patriotic duty so faithfully performed for more than three score years must very soon pass to other hands, to be carried forward by those who have learned the lessons of patriotism from their fathers, and to those, not so near to us, who have imbibed the spirit of the

service, and who cheerfully render such assistance as they can to relieve the veterans of the burdensome duties of Memorial Day. To this end let the posts invite the aid of all patriotic people, not only the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans, but all who are in sympathy with the objects of Memorial Day, to lend a hand in making the coming observance a memorable one.

II. On Memorial Day, Commander in Chief John A. Logan's General Orders No. 11 and Lincoln's Gettysburg address should be given a place in the public services of the day.

III. Let flowers be cast upon the waters of our streams in memory of those who gave their lives on the seas.

IV. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has been observed as Memorial Sunday for many years. This year, Sunday, May 25, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. Posts are urged to attend services on that Sunday, accompanied by their auxiliaries and allied orders.

V. Assistant adjutants general are asked to request post commanders to detail comrades to visit the schools the week preceding Memorial Day at such time as may be arranged. The purpose is that the rising generation may realize the sacred meaning of Memorial Day.

VI. Assistant adjutants general will instruct their posts to invite the soldiers of all wars to participate in the exercises of Memorial Day, never forgetting our appreciation of what they have done for the world, and let all of our acts be done with loving hearts as a fit tribute to those brave comrades who have passed before us to their eternal rest.

VII. Assistant adjutants general are asked to send immediately the name and address of their department chaplain to Rev. J. King Gibson, chaplain in chief, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio; and the name and address of their department patriotic instructor to Charles W. Blodgett, Cincinnati, Ohio, national patriotic instructor.

VIII. Department chaplains and others who are willing to appear in pulpits at the national encampment, Sunday, August 24, will please send their names (and subjects, if so desired) to Chaplain in Chief J. King Gibson, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio, stating amount of time needed.

IX. Assistant adjutants general who have not sent in the annual report of their department are requested to forward it at once to the adjutant general, room 27, State House, Boston.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 11. }

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander in Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN, *Adjutant General.*

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that Nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

FLAG DAY

X. June 14 should be appropriately observed.

XI. The following-named comrades are hereby appointed as aides on the staff of the commander in chief. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Florida.—Henry C. Clark, box 912, St. Cloud; G. S. Warner, box 1097, St. Cloud; John M. DeGraw, box 254, St. Cloud.

Illinois.—J. C. Stanley, Augusta; William N. Morris, 118 East Ryder Street, Litchfield; George Mason, Suite 1939, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago; L. D. Vance, 500 North Seventh Street, Quincy; H. C. First, 1031 Twenty-first Street, Rock Island.

Indiana.—H. I. Wood, 713 Sycamore Street, Columbus; George Redmon, 129 West Fifth Street, Peru; H. H. Talbot, Crawfordsville; David N. Foster, 715 Court Street, Fort Wayne; Irby S. Wagner, 2440 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis; Henry C. Rogers, Rockville, Park County; John B. Lyons, Brooks; D. A. Moist, 802 North Howard Street, Union City; John E. Crain, 2202 North Street, Logansport; Theo. R. Caldwell, Lebanon; Isaac R. Austin, 1337 East Logan Street, Noblesville; A. A. Jones, La Fayette.

Kansas.—Charles Wingrove, Clay Center.

Maine.—J. F. Woodsum, Rockland; J. W. Fogler, Skowhegan; Edwin Riley, Livermore Falls; George W. Goulding, Oakland; F. S. Philbrick, Rockland; Leroy T. Carlton, Wintthrop; C. T. Wardwell, 824 Main Street, Lewiston; Nelson R. Brown, 8 Curtis Street, Lewiston; E. L. Warner, 44 Free Street, Portland; Simon C. Hastings, 44 Free Street, Portland; Nathaniel W. White, 27 Rosemont Street, Malden, Mass.

Maryland.—John Lamden, 114 North Paca Street, Baltimore.

Massachusetts.—John Barry, 58 Andrews Street, Lynn; Charles S. Houghton, Hopedale; Patrick Slattery, 41 Hollis Street, South Weymouth.

Michigan.—H. B. Appleton, Brighton; Luzerne Durand, 234 North Street, Allegan.

New Jersey.—Gustavus Jackson, 14 Clark Avenue, Jersey City.

New York.—G. E. Eldridge, 15 Park Avenue, Dumont, N. J.

Pennsylvania.—W. H. King, route 3, box 282, Du Bois.

Wisconsin.—John H. Hellweg, Hayward; Joseph Turner, Memorial Hall, Museum Building, Milwaukee; Lloyd D. Sampson, Memorial Hall, Museum Building, Milwaukee; Henry C. Eichfeld, Memorial Hall, Museum Building, Milwaukee; Fred Wardrobe, 613 Hartwell Street; Waukesha; George H. Pounder, Fort Atkinson.

By command of—

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief*.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Adjutant General*.

IN MEMORIAM

California and Nevada.—George M. Mott, past department commander, passed to the great beyond, February 5, 1930. He was born August 29, 1844, at Norwich, Conn. He served during the Civil War in Company E, Ninth Michigan Infantry.

Connecticut.—Virgil F. McNeil, past department commander, died in Southern Pines, N. C., March 12, 1930, aged 87. He served in Company G, Seventh Connecticut Infantry four years. He held many important public offices and held the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Florida.—Past Junior Vice Commander W. Frank Kenney, formerly of Company C, One hundred and thirty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, died September 2, 1929. He was born in Alleghany City, Pa., October 23, 1847.

Idaho.—F. T. Page, past department commander, died at his home in Weiser, Idaho, January 24, 1930. He served as commander in 1918. He was a member of Company C, Eleventh Kansas Infantry.

Illinois.—John Underfanger, past senior vice commander of the Department of Illinois, died December 10, 1929. He was born in Belleville, Ill., April 15, 1847. He served in Company A, Forty-third Illinois Infantry. He had the honor of serving as one of the bodyguard at the burial of Abraham Lincoln.

John Offerman, born in Peoria, Ill., January 15, 1841. He served in the Navy, on the sloop of war, *Pawnee*, and later on the Steamship *Ohio*. He served as department junior vice commander in 1927. He died August 9, 1929.

William J. Dickinson, past department junior vice commander in 1924, died at his home in Joliet, Ill., February 17, 1930.

Nebraska.—John G. Hendryx, Company H, Ninth Michigan Infantry, past department junior vice commander, died November 3, 1929.

Henry V. Hoagland, department commander in 1928, died at Lincoln, Nebr., February 14, 1930. He served in Company F, Seventh Illinois Infantry, enlisting July 22, 1861, and was discharged as sergeant, July 26, 1865.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ROOM 27, STATE HOUSE.
Boston, Mass., June 20, 1930.

It is with sorrow the commander in chief announces the death of chief of staff, Comrade George A. Hosley, who passed away suddenly May 13, 1930; also

It is with deep regret that he announces the passing out of the chairman of the executive committee, Comrade Silas H. Towler, on April 23, 1930.

Both of these comrades have been faithful and zealous workers, and will be missed at our gatherings.

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 5 }

I. Comrade George R. Brown of Post 327, Department of New York, is hereby appointed as chief of staff, in place of Comrade George A. Hosley, deceased. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Comrade William P. Wright, Department of Illinois, is hereby appointed chairman of the executive committee in place of Comrade Silas H. Towler, deceased.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, Department of Kentucky, is hereby appointed a member of the executive committee.

II. Information has been received at these headquarters that some of the posts are taking in members of the Legion and other organizations as honorary members of the Grand Army. Such action is contrary to the rules of the order, which explicitly states that "there can be no honorary members in the Grand Army of the Republic."

Neither can any one, unless he is an honorably discharged veteran of the Civil War, be a member of any post, or take any part in post meetings. When a post becomes so depleted that it is unable to function, its charter should be either surrendered or canceled.

Information is also received that some of the posts are admitting those not members to their meetings, and even electing them into offices. All meetings held under these conditions are illegal and must not be allowed. The following rules, which have been sent out in previous orders, are again repeated:

"1. All members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in good standing in their organization, may attend meetings of Grand Army posts. This does not give them the privilege, however, of membership in the post or the right to vote or take an active part in the proceedings of the post.

"2. Posts may employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings to take the records of the meetings and assist with the books of the adjutant and quartermaster. Persons appointed for this purpose do not in any sense become officers of the post. They may do the clerical work of the adjutant or quartermaster, but they do not, thereby, become adjutant or quartermaster, sergeant major or quartermaster sergeant, or acquire any other rights incident to membership. They must not be installed into office, and while they may write the reports of such officers, the report must be signed by the officer himself and must evidence his official action. No one not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic can hold any office in any post or be installed into any office therein.

"Department commanders and post commanders will see that these decisions of the national encampment are not violated."

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

III. The Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, during the week beginning August 24, 1930.

IV. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established in the Hotel Gibson.

V. The several passenger associations have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip, on the identification certificate plan.

VI. Stop overs at all points going or returning.

VII. Dates of sale—New England: Central, trunk lines, August 21–27; western, southwestern and transcontinental lines, August 13–20. Limit on tickets, October 1, 1930.

Those to whom reduction will apply:

(a) Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(b) Wife or dependent members of the family of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(c) Widows of deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(d) Members and dependent members of families of members of the following auxiliary and allied organizations holding conventions in connection with the encampment: Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War.

VIII. Hotels and rooms: Parties who have not made their reservations for rooms should write Mr. Dan. M. Myers, Hotel Alms, Cincinnati, Ohio, chairman of housing committee.

IX. Assistant adjutant generals are requested to forward their credential reports to these headquarters immediately after the close of their department encampment. It is imperative that they be received not later than July 10.

X. Committee to audit books of quartermaster general: William P. Wright, Illinois; William F. Hambright, Pennsylvania; Adrian P. Sloan, Connecticut.

XI. Committee on credentials: Wilfred A. Wetherbee, adjutant general; William P. Wright, Illinois; Oley Nelson, Iowa; M. H. Davidson, Kentucky; Alfred E. Stacy, New York.

XII. Committee on rules and regulations: David N. Foster, Indiana; Wilbur F. Henry, Missouri; Jacob Secrest, Ohio; W. H. Cheseborough, Wisconsin; Lyman A. Gilbert, Michigan.

PENSION LEGISLATION

XIII. The commander in chief is pleased to announce that, through the efforts of the legislative committee and himself, the pension bill, known as the Nelson bill, has been passed by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Hoover.

The bill provides for every veteran who served 90 days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War, and who has been honorably discharged.

Section 1 of the bill increases the rate of pension of veterans from \$65 to \$75 per month.

Section 2 of the bill grants the \$100 per month rate to all veterans requiring the regular aid and attendance of another person. In brief, this will increase the rate of pension of all those receiving the \$72 and \$90 per month rates to \$100 per month.

Section 3 of the bill lowers the age limit for widows and former widows to 70 years for the allowance of the \$40 per month rate. The present law provides this rate when they have attained the age of 75 years.

Section 5 of the bill provides that where a veteran is in receipt of a pension and shown to be entitled to increase at the date of passage of this act as provided therein, such increase shall be effective on the fourth day of the month next after the approval of the act; where not then entitled, increase to begin when the requisite condition is shown; and where not on the pension roll, but entitled under this act, pension to commence from date of filing application thereunder in the Bureau of Pensions. This section also provides for a deduction of \$25 per month from the pension of a veteran entitled to the benefits of this act during the actual period he is a resident of the United States Soldiers' Home, or a National or State Soldiers' Home.

NOTICE

XIV. The tenth annual conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sunday, August 24, at 4 o'clock p. m. Annual banquet to follow the meeting.

Membership consists of the present national presiding officers, secretary, treasurer, patriotic instructors, and the past presiding officers of the national organizations. All members of the allied organizations may attend the conference and banquet. Reservations for the banquet must be made by August 5 to Miss Grace L. Johnson, 646 Oakwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

XV. The following-named comrades are hereby appointed as aides on the staff of the commander in chief. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

Colorado and Wyoming.—E. C. Condit, 61 South Cherokee Street, Denver; J. B. Earle, 4474 Zenolia Street, Denver; C. H. Pridmore, 2410 East Seventeenth Avenue, Denver; John A. Webber, 1847 Pine Street, Boulder.

Connecticut.—Homer F. Northrop, 224 Main Street, Waterbury; Joseph W. Guild, 71 Elliott Street, Waterbury; Frank A. King, 227 Wells Street, Bridgeport; Niles J. Engelke, 43 Central Avenue, Waterbury; Bryon C. Harvey, 82 Orange Street, Meriden; William P. Jessup, 55 Adams Street, Bridgeport; William P. Patrick, Oak Crest Street, Darien; Lyman Whitehead, Bethel; Edward T. Abbott, 857 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport; Lewis L. Baker, 21 Walker Street, New London; Eugene Davidson, 11 Coloney Street, Meriden; George C. Stewart, 132 West Avenue, Bridgeport.

Florida.—John M. Raymond, Box 884, St. Cloud.

Illinois.—Henry McFarland, 209 North Winnebago Street, Rockford; William Schutz, 128 West South Grand Avenue, Springfield; Charles Oakley, 1836 Morse Avenue, Chicago; J. Madison Kennedy, 93 Downes Place, Aurora; John W. Dilks, 1038 Patton Avenue, Springfield; Elijah Jones, 1727 South Fourth Street, Springfield; H. B. Davidson, 121 North Glenwood Avenue, Springfield; A. H. Armstrong, 1035 North Sixth Street, Springfield; Washington Irwin, 618 North Fourth Street, Springfield; James A. Sarver, Marquette Hotel, Springfield; John Billington, G. A. R. Hall, Springfield; James A. Stone, Farmingdale; George J. Elmi, Box 254, Milledgeville; John L. Slayton, 1003 North Vermillion Street, Danville; Hiram H. Shumet, Springfield.

Indiana.—Amos H. Haines, 1618 North Temple Avenue, Indianapolis; John T. Young, 1532 North Harrison Street, Fort Wayne; Joseph B. Henninger, 1902 Ruckle Street, Indianapolis; Phil W. Brown, Franklin; Joseph G. Rowlett, 803 Torbett Street, Indianapolis; John H. Hoffman, 506 Cavin Street, Ligonier.

Maryland.—Edward S. Whittle, 717 Hollen Road, Govans, Baltimore; John A. Houck, 340 South Bentalou Street, Baltimore; Pennock J. Cole, 3306 Ash Street, Mount Rainier.

Massachusetts.—Rupert J. Chute, Boston Transcript, Boston; Robert L. Frampton, 84 Providence Street, Hyde Park; James S. Mitchell, 67 Prospect Avenue, Wollaston.

Michigan.—Edward S. Rogers, Allegan.

Montana.—G. I. Riche, Helena; Charles Angus, Box 368, Livingston.

New Jersey.—William H. Bilbee, 25 Livingston Street, Trenton.

New York.—Charles L. Shergur, Union Springs; Robert G. Summers, 1192 Maple Street, Brooklyn; George H. Rice, 237 Maple Street, Brooklyn; Thomas A. Dewling, 194 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn; George R. Dunkly, 165 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn; W. T. Gardner, 350 Southside Avenue, Freeport, L. I.; Edwin E. Stewart, 203 Hancock Street, Brooklyn; Daniel W. Gilbert, sr., 162 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn; William H. Coughlin, Box 143, Fort Montgomery, N. Y.; Crighton B. French, Lock Box 95, Castleton, Vt.

Ohio.—D. W. Robbins, Soldiers Home, Sandusky; Frank Pappert, 209 West Yellow Springs Street, Springfield; Charles Bonsall, 242 East State Street, Salem; John R. P. Foster, 124 North Grove Street, Bowling Green; F. T. Randall, 111 East Edison Street, Eaton; George W. Frye, Richmond Dale; Charles I. McDargh, 422 Storms Avenue, Urbana; T. R. Woodborne, 240 Second Street SW., New Philadelphia; William P. Thompson, 828 Decatur Street, Sandusky; William E. Sprague, 903 High Street, Youngstown; Lee Cummings, National Military Home Co. 3, Dayton; Colin McDonald, 869 Franklin Avenue, Columbus; A. E. Hawkins, 124 South Haines Avenue, Alliance.

Pennsylvania.—Louis B. Lomax, 7 West Seventh Street, Marcus Hook.

Wisconsin.—H. N. Castle, 316 Sixth Avenue, Eau Claire; Robert K. Boyd, 1016 Third Avenue, Eau Claire; William Hopper, Friendship; Caspar J. Miller, Osseo.

Per order.

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief.*

Attest:

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Adjutant General.*

IN MEMORIAM

CALIFORNIA

Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Samuel W. Backus died in San Francisco, April 10, 1930. He served under General Sheridan, and was one of the 100 to escort President Lincoln into Richmond.

CONNECTICUT

Past Department Commander Virgil McNeil died March 12, 1930. He served as department commander in 1906. He also served on the board of governors of the soldiers' home at Noroton, Conn.

INDIANA

Past Department Commander E. R. Brown passed away March 14, 1930. He served in Company C, Twenty-seventh Indiana Infantry. He was department commander in 1906.

Comrade Gil R. Stormont, of Princeton, past department commander, formerly of Company B, Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, passed away March 24, 1930. He served as department commander in 1890.

Comrade Isaac B. Austin was elected department commander at the annual encampment of Indiana, held June 10. Contracting a cold at that time which resulted in pneumonia, he passed out one week from the day of his election. He was a member of the Thirty-ninth Indiana Infantry and marched with Sherman to the sea. He was a charter member of the post at Noblesville.

IOWA

Department commander John K. Ewing passed away on April 3, 1930. He enlisted in Company A, First Illinois Cavalry, and served with distinction from July 1, 1861, to the end of the war and was a prominent citizen of his home city.

Past Department Commander W. S. Freeman, of Le Mars, Iowa, died February 16, 1930.

MAINE

Nathan H. Pillsbury, department commander in 1929, died at his home August 25, 1929, at 86 years of age. He was an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

MARYLAND

Past Department Commander Charles N. Emicle, formerly of Company B, Pernell Legion, passed away on April 1, 1930.

MASSACHUSETTS

Past Department Commander, Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief George A. Hosley died suddenly May 13, 1930. Comrade Hosley served in the Navy during the Civil War. Every year since 1915, with two exceptions, he has served as chief of staff on the staff of the several commanders in chief. He has been prominent in patriotic circles, and was always ready to respond to any calls made upon him. He served for several years and up to the time of his death as the commodore of the Kearsage Naval Association.

MINNESOTA

Silas Howell Towler answered the last call of taps April 23, 1930. He served in the Twenty-second Ohio Light Artillery. He enlisted November 14, 1862, and was mustered out as second lieutenant in January, 1865. He served as department commander, 1917; junior vice commander in chief, 1905-06; adjutant general, 1901-02. He has held many minor positions, and always proved himself a true and upright comrade. He was beloved by all who knew him, and especially was he loved by the inmates of the soldiers' home in Minnesota, to whom he had devoted 11 years in his desire to bring sunshine and good cheer as they were passing down the western slope.

Past Department Commander P. P. Gorman died January 26, 1930. He was 85 years of age. He served in Company A, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry.

Comrade William T. Scram, commander of the department in 1925-26, and who served during the war in Company D, Eleventh Minnesota Infantry, passed out January 25, 1930.

NEBRASKA

Henry Stevens, past senior vice commander, formerly of Company F, Ninety-ninth Illinois Infantry, died May 21, 1930. He was commander of Post 1 of Kearney for 10 years.

NEW YORK

Cyrus J. Westcott, past junior vice department commander, died February 1, 1930, aged 87 years. He served in Company I, One hundred and twenty-first New York Infantry.

OHIO

Almon M. Warner, department commander in 1891, passed away January 22, 1930, aged 86 years. He served as lieutenant in the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Infantry. He was admitted to the bar at Albion, N. Y., in 1869.

OKLAHOMA

Past Department Commander Cyrus P. Green died August 20, 1929, at Enid. He served in Company E., One hundred and sixth Illinois Infantry. He was commander in 1903-4.

Past Department Commander Joseph W. T. Dupree died November 25, 1929. He enlisted as private in August, 1861, Company E, Third Iowa Cavalry; later was appointed captain, Company E, One hundred and thirty-eighth United States Colored Troops. He was commander in 1926-27.

VERMONT

Past Department Commander William H. Pierce passed away at his home in Bellows Falls, December 1, 1929, aged 86 years. He served in Company A, Fourteenth New Hampshire Infantry, and was severely wounded at the battle of Winchester. Elected as commander in 1928.

Past Department Commander A. C. Stoughton, elected commander in 1926, died suddenly March 15, 1930. He served in Company L, First Vermont Cavalry, and was cited for bravery at Cedar Creek.

WISCONSIN

Henry C. Eaton, Fond du Lac, department commander in 1927. He served in the Fourth New York Heavy Artillery. He passed out April 18, 1930.

WASHINGTON

A. A. Stevens, department commander in 1919. He served in Company H, Third Minnesota Infantry. He died November 17, 1929.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 No. 6 } OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
 ROOM 27, STATE HOUSE,
 Boston, Mass., August 1, 1930.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS GENERAL

1. As already announced, the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 24-29, 1930.

2. National headquarters will be established in the Hotel Gibson, Friday, August 22, 1930.

3. The credential committee will be in session in national headquarters on Monday, August 25, 1930, from 10 a. m., to 1 p. m., and on Tuesday, August 26, at 10 a. m.

Assistant adjutants general are requested to report promptly.

4. The executive committee of the council of administration will meet in national headquarters Monday, August 25, 1930, at 2 p. m.

5. The national council of administration will meet in national headquarters, Monday, August 25, 1930, at 3 p. m.

6. *Registration.*—Comrades and all visitors at the encampment are earnestly requested to register upon their arrival in Cincinnati at the Union Central Life Insurance Building, corner of Fourth and Vine Streets. The delegates of the several orders will be the guests of the city of Cincinnati on an excursion down the Ohio River to the birthplace of Gen. U. S. Grant on Friday, August 29, 1930. In order to take this trip it will be necessary to register for the same, and as there will be accommodations for 3,800, it will be necessary to register not later than Wednesday, August 27.

Assistant adjutants general are urged to post their delegations on the foregoing items.

The following-named comrades are hereby appointed as aides on the staff of the commander in chief. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Florida.—Joseph W. Southerton, box 673, Delray Beach.

Iowa.—B. F. Stow, 949 West Fifteenth Street, Des Moines; S. D. Wyckoff, Massena; R. P. Sheffield, rural route 2, Story City; J. Herbert Park, Humeston; Louis L. Glenn, 95 Twenty-fifth Street, Des Moines.

New Jersey.—Jesse W. Mills, 155 Henry Street, Brasbrouck Heights.

New York.—Affeld O. Francis, 873 President Avenue, Brooklyn.

Ohio.—Augustus Baldwin, 220 East E Street, Lorain.

Per order of—

EDWIN J. FOSTER,
Commander in Chief.

WILFORD A. WETHERBEE,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade W. R. Thomas, past department commander, entered the service July 2, 1862, in Company A, One hundred and fifth Illinois Infantry. He died April 12, 1930, at Oakland, Calif.

Dr. Silas Wilson Hopkins, past department commander, died at his home in Lodi, June 19, 1930. He served in Company H, Forty-fourth Infantry. Doctor Hopkins was elected surgeon general at the Denver Encampment in 1928.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

The death of Department Commander W. E. Moses is reported without comment.

MINNESOTA

Charles H. Taylor, past department commander, passed away June 10, 1930, at Long Prairie, Minn. He served as department commander in 1913. He enlisted August 11, 1862, in the Fifth Michigan Infantry, and later in Company D, Twenty-fifth Michigan Infantry.

MISSOURI

Past Department Commander William Lowe died at his home in Warrensburg, Mo., June 14, 1930. He was born in New Castle, Ind. He served in Company C, Thirty-sixth Indiana Infantry, and was later assigned to the Signal Corps. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7 }

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I. As previously announced in General Order No. 5 the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixty-fourth National Encampment will take place at Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday, August 27, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in columns of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet; between posts, 20 feet; between files, 6 feet—which distance must be maintained throughout the march.

III. The columns will form promptly at 9.45 a. m. and move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported at 9.45 a. m. by George R. Brown, chief of staff to the commander in chief.

V. A preparatory gun will be fired at 9.45 a. m.; another at 10 a. m. will be the signal to march.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and will close up to the left of the department on the right, but on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between departments. Markers will be placed, designating the place of formation of each department. The guide will be right throughout the march.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue the march with their departments to the place of dismissal of the column. No organization will be allowed to leave the column until regularly dismissed.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will be dipped (except the national colors) at six paces from the reviewing officer, and will be maintained at salute until six paces beyond him. Officers with side arms will give the officer's salute with the sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute but will turn their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organizations so that marching column may maintain the same step. All bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. All bands will play in passing the entire length of the reviewing stand.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand Court and Main Streets.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present at Cincinnati will make an effort to participate in the parade, in uniform if possible.

XIII. Only members of the Grand Army and their escort will be allowed in the parade. Commanders are directed to enforce this order.

XIV. No flags or standards, except the National and State colors and department flags or banners will be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures and undignified exhibitions of any kind whatsoever will be excluded from the parade.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief in automobiles will ride at the head of the column in advance of the national aides-de-camp. Automobiles or carriages will not be allowed in the parade column in or between the departments. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march; these automobiles will be found on Garfield Place, east of Race Street.

XVII. When the column reaches the reviewing stand, the commander in chief and all other national officers and past commanders in chief will leave the parade and take their places on reviewing stand; their automobiles will continue on under the direction of traffic officers. After the parade is over they will return to the reviewing stand to take up their passengers and return to the Hotel Gibson.

XVIII. Aides-de-camp to the commander in chief will report to the senior aide-de-camp, M. H. Davidson, or his adjutant at 9 a. m.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff at Hotel Gibson at 9 a. m. on day of parade for assignment to automobiles.

XX. The line of march will be about 1 mile in length, as follows: Race Street, south to Sixth Street from Garfield Place, east to Walnut Street, south to Fifth Street, east to Main Street, north on Main Street to Central Parkway, and dismiss.

(a) Department commanders will report to Chief of Staff George R. Brown at headquarters room Tuesday, August 26, at 4 o'clock p. m. National aides will report at the same place at 5 p. m., August 26.

(b) The line will form as follows: Platoon of police will form on Race Street, resting on Garfield Place; United States Army or National Guard of Ohio following police, and other escorting bodies following the National Guard.

(c) The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will form on Central Parkway east of Race Street, right resting on Race Street.

(d) The commander in chief, national officers, executive committee, and past commander in chief in automobiles will form on Central Parkway west of Race Street, right resting on Race Street.

(e) National aides-de-camp, in charge of M. H. Davidson, will form on Court Street, right resting on Race Street, west of Race Street.

The departments will form in order of seniority, as follows:

1. Department of Illinois, headed by the National Association of Civil War Musicians, will form on Court Street, right resting on the left of national aides.
2. Department of Wisconsin will form on Court Street, right resting on left of Illinois.
3. Department of Pennsylvania will form on Court Street, right resting on left of Wisconsin.
5. Department of New York will form on Court Street, right resting on left of Pennsylvania.
6. Department of Connecticut will form on Court Street, right resting on left of New York.
7. Department of Massachusetts will form on Court Street, right resting on left of Connecticut.
8. Department of New Jersey will form on Court Street, right resting on Massachusetts.
9. Department of Maine will form on Court Street, right resting on Race Street, east of Race Street.
10. Department of California and Nevada will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Maine.
11. Department of Rhode Island will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of California and Nevada.
12. Department of New Hampshire will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Rhode Island.
13. Department of Vermont will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of New Hampshire.
14. Department of Potomac will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Vermont.
15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Potomac.
16. Department of Maryland will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of North Carolina.
17. Department of Nebraska will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Maryland.
18. Department of Michigan will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Nebraska.
19. Department of Iowa will form on Court Street east of Race, right resting on left of Michigan.
20. Department of Indiana will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on Race.
21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Indiana.
22. Department of Kansas will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Colorado and Wyoming.
23. Department of Delaware will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Kansas.
24. Department of Minnesota will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Delaware.
25. Department of Missouri will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Minnesota.
26. Department of Oregon will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Missouri.
27. Department of Kentucky will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Oregon.
28. Department of West Virginia will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of Kentucky.
29. Department of South Dakota will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of West Virginia.
30. Department of Washington and Alaska will form on Ninth Street west of Race, right resting on left of South Dakota.
31. Department of Arkansas will form on Ninth Street east of Race, right resting on Race Street.
32. Department of New Mexico will form on Ninth Street east of Race, right resting on left of Arkansas.
33. Department of Utah will form on Ninth Street east of Race, right resting on New Mexico.
34. Department of Tennessee will form on Ninth Street east of Race, right resting on left of Utah.
35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi will form on Ninth Street east of Race, right resting on left of Tennessee.
36. Department of Florida will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on Race Street.
37. Department of Montana will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of Florida.
38. Department of Texas will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of Montana.
39. Department of Idaho will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of Texas.
41. Department of Georgia and South Carolina will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of Idaho.
42. Department of Alabama will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of Georgia and South Carolina.
43. Department of North Dakota will form on Garfield Place, right resting on left of Alabama.
44. Department of Oklahoma will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of North Dakota.

45. National Association of Naval Veterans will form on Garfield Place west of Race, right resting on left of Oklahoma.

4. Through point of courtesy, the Department of Ohio, being the host, takes the extreme left of the line, and will form on south side of Garfield Place, right resting on Race Street.

46. Disabled veterans in automobiles will form on Garfield Place east of Race Street, right resting on Race Street.

XXI. All department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than August 26 the names of comrades elected by the several departments for the committee on resolutions and national council of administration.

By order of—

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Commander in Chief.*

Drafted by:

GEORGE R. BROWN, *Chief of Staff.*

Attested:

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Adjutant General.*

In Memoriam





JOHN B. INMAN
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1925



ELBRIDGE L. HAWK
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1927



In Memoriam



JOHN B. INMAN

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

John B. Inman was born in Medina County, Ohio, October 31, 1848. When he was about 8 years of age his parents moved to Minnesota. His father enlisted in the earliest period in the history of the Civil War, animated by an agreed patriotic impulse. The son also enlisted at the age of 16 years as a drummer boy, in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery Volunteers, with whom he served until the war came to an end. After the close of the war, as a young telegraph operator, he was the first to flash to the world the news of the Custer massacre. Later he was made an official of the Western Union Telegraph Co., having charge for many years of the Springfield (Ill.) office.

When war with Spain was declared, he was the chief signal officer of the Illinois National Guard, and as captain of the Seventh Company United States Volunteer Signal Corps participated with credit in the Porto Rican expedition.

On his return to Springfield he was appointed by the Government, custodian of the Memorial Hall, now located in the Centennial Building in the capitol grounds, which position he was filling at the time of his passing away.

In 1894 Captain Inman was elected junior vice commander of the Department of Illinois, and in 1899 was unanimously elected department commander.

In 1916 he was elected the Illinois member of the National Council of Administration and served until 1925, when, at the encampment held at Grand Rapids, he was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

His neighbors in Springfield, who knew him through the years of his long residence there, cherished his friendship and now honor his memory. His comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and his wide circle of friends pay tribute to his worth as a brave soldier, a loyal comrade and a good citizen and a loving husband.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the foregoing memorial; that it be published in the proceedings of this encampment and a copy of said journal properly indorsed by the commander in chief and adjutant general be presented to Mrs. Inman.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS S. PILCHER,
WILLIAM P. WRIGHT,
ELL TORRANCE,
Committee.



In Memoriam



ELBRIDGE LAFAYETTE HAWK

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1927-28

Comrade Elbridge Lafayette Hawk was born on November 30, 1841, in the State of Ohio, and passed away in the California State Veterans' Home August 13, 1930. Impressive funeral services were held at the home August 15 and interment was made August 16 at the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif., with full military honors.

Comrade Hawk enlisted in the Union Army on April 30, 1861, at the first call of President Lincoln. He was a member of Company G of the Eighteenth Ohio Regiment. He was mustered out in August and reenlisted in September, 1861. He recruited Company F, One hundred and fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was made a first lieutenant within a year. Another six months and he was a captain. His company saw duty in many campaigns, including Red River and Vicksburg, and participated in the capture of Fort Hindman, Ark. The captain had many thrilling experiences. When first lieutenant he commanded his company at the request of his captain, a volunteer 60 years old, who was afraid he could not give the commands properly. In the battle of Port Gibson, Captain Hawk was the first to reach the Confederate guns. By special order, Captain Hawk was detailed to take command of the draft rendezvous at New Orleans in 1865 and helped to enlist, train, and equip about 2,000 soldiers from the vicinity of New Orleans. Captain Hawk was mustered out on August 24, 1865.

In 1869 he went from Ohio to Kansas, where he married Barbara Shelly in June, 1871. Two years later the Hawks moved to California, where they lived on a fruit ranch in Placer County until 1877, when they moved to Sacramento, where the family home has since been.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic since 1867, serving as the California and Nevada department commander in 1910 and 1911. At the sixty-first national encampment held in Grand Rapids, Mich., in September, 1927, Captain Hawk was elected commander in chief. During his term of office and when he was 86, he officially visited two national homes and two State homes and traveled throughout 20 States.

As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic guard of honor, he attended the inauguration of President Hoover March 4,

1929. He took a prominent part in enabling California comrades who served in the Vicksburg campaign to attend the reunion of the Blue and the Gray at Vicksburg in 1917. At the time of his death he was serving on the board of directors of the veterans' home in California, to which office he was appointed by Governor Stephens and reappointed by Governors Richardson and Young.

Again we stand in reverent contemplation, face to face, with the great mystery that enshrouds the world. The river of another life has mingled with the boundless ocean of eternity. The final milestone has been passed. Life's journey on earth, with its services, with its sorrows and its joys, has been stayed. In the golden autumn of life's journey, after life's service to country, to his fellow man, and to his God, laden with all the honors of years well spent, soothed by the ceaseless music of the waves breaking on the farther shore, our beloved Past Commander in Chief Elbridge Lafayette Hawk has passed beyond the veil of eternal mystery and through the gates to eternal peace.

He played well the part to him assigned. As the youth, he faithfully served his country during the Civil War period; in the prime of life, he was a leader in business activities in the Golden State of California and served in the legislation of its laws; he occupied many positions of trust and responsibility.

Through the journey of life, the loving wife was ever by his side, and loving and devoted children blessed this happy union.

Ever kind and thoughtful of others, ever the friend of man, the Golden Rule was his guide as he followed the teachings of our Divine Commander.

Life—that great pendulum ever swinging between a smile and a tear. We loved our dear departed comrade when his heart was vibrant with life, with hope, with joy, and, in this solemn hour of hallowed memory, we hear echoing down the ages from the Great Giver of Life the glorious message to humankind: "There is no death. The stars go out to shine upon another shore."

And, soothed by an unfaltering trust, our beloved comrade serenely passed on into the eternal sleep like one who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

WILLIAM H. NOLL,
JOHN C. CHAPMAN,
HERMAN L. JUDELL,
Committee.



In Memoriam



GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER

In our list of departed comrades no name calls up more tender memories than the one standing above this obituary. He was born in Shelby, Ohio, August 24, 1846, enlisted in Troop I Third Ohio Cavalry, September 6, 1861, and served until August 15, 1865. He practiced law in Van Wert, Ohio, for 44 years; served as mayor of his city, and in the Senate of Ohio. On May 30, 1912, he was appointed Commissioner of Pensions at Washington, D. C., and served with rare fidelity and efficiency until November, 1920, when failing eyesight caused his resignation. Comrade Gaylord was chosen department commander of Grand Army of the Republic of Ohio in 1922 and commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1923. In these offices he served with distinction. He was a valiant soldier, a loving husband and father, a patriotic citizen, an honored statesman, and a firm believer in the Christian religion. Peace to his ashes.

In F. C., and L.,

J. KING GIBSON,
JACOB SECREST,
CHARLES W. BLODGETT,
Committee.



GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1923



GEORGE A. HOSLEY
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1920



In Memoriam



GEORGE A. HOSLEY

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1920

Our faithful comrade, George A. Hosley, has been called to join the Grand Army above.

It is a long-cherished custom of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the memory of her comrades who have rendered distinguished service in her behalf by spreading on the records a brief summary of their life.

In accordance with that custom your committee presents the following record of the life of Comrade George A. Hosley:

He was born at Littleton, Mass., December 11, 1846. He enlisted in the United States Navy December, 1863. He was discharged February, 1865.

On his return to civil life he chose the occupation of accountant for his life work.

For many years he served as commodore in the Kearsage Association of Naval Veterans.

He lived for some years in California, where he joined S. H. Thomas Post 2, Grand Army of the Republic, from which post he transferred to Abraham Lincoln Post 11, Charlestown, Mass., July 10, 1890, and served as commander of that post in 1908.

He was honored by the Department of Massachusetts in election to the office of department commander in 1912.

He was elected by the national encampment at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1920, as senior vice commander in chief.

He was honored by the last 13 commanders in chief by appointment as their chief of staff, the duties of which office he discharged with signal ability.

By virtue of his high office, Comrade Hosley was perhaps better known among his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic than any other member of the order.

His bluff, outspoken manner will be missed by his comrades.

He was a loyal comrade, a genial friend, and a stalwart American.

He died suddenly while in the discharge of duty on May 13, 1930.

Long may his name remain green in the memory of his comrades.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

HENRY CLARK,

HENRI BATCHELDER,

JOSEPH F. STODDARD,

Committee.



In Memoriam



SILAS H. TOWLER

Silas H. Towler was born January 31, 1846. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Eighty-fifth Ohio Infantry for the term of three months; after serving his term of enlistment he reenlisted in the Twenty-second Ohio Battery, Light Artillery; he was rapidly promoted to first sergeant, then to second lieutenant, and later to first lieutenant, and was mustered out in 1865 in charge of his battery.

At the age of 18 he was adjutant of the artillery forces at Cumberland Gap; soon after he was 19 he was assigned to duty by division headquarters as a member of the general court-martial for the District of East Tennessee and served in that line of duty until mustered out July 13, 1865, by reason of the termination of the war. At its close he was highly commended by his superior officers.

Such was his military record, accomplished by a mere youth, for he was mustered out before he was 20 years of age. If you consider his youth and his long and valuable service, his record as a Union soldier is unsurpassed by few of the 2,500,000 men who constituted the Union Army.

Comrade Towler joined the Grand Army in 1867, in Columbus, Ohio, and later when he moved to Minneapolis he joined John A. Rawlins Post No. 126, Department of Minnesota, and was soon promoted to commander of the post.

In 1902 he served as adjutant general under Commander in Chief Ell Torrance.

In 1905 he was elected junior vice commander in chief and was chairman of the executive committee having charge of arrangements of the fortieth national encampment held in Minneapolis, August, 1906.

In 1909-10 he served as chief of staff under Commander in Chief Samuel R. Van Sant.

He was elected commander of the Department of Minnesota in 1917. During his administration the reunion of the Blue and the Gray was held at Vicksburg. He had exclusive charge of transportation; two trains were required. These trains carried 200 comrades, who were transported to Vicksburg and returned without confusion or difficulty; meals and sleeping berths were provided for everybody. This was another evidence of the executive ability of Comrade Towler.



SILAS H. TOWLER
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1905

In national affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Towler has for many years taken an active and efficient part, serving as chairman of the national executive committee from 1922 until the time of his death, April 23, 1930.

In connection with the Minnesota Soldiers' Home, he was trustee of the home in 1897 and president of the board in 1899. It was largely due to his earnest and persistent endeavor that the women's building was constructed and women admitted to the home. In 1919 he was appointed commandant, which office he held as long as life lasted.

In recognition of his great service, a beautiful bronze tablet was placed in the women's building by the Woman's Relief Corps, Grand Army posts, and members of the home. Also, a stained-glass window in his office with his picture in stained glass, together with his military badges.

Comrade Towler's civil life has been a counterpart of his patriotic life. For 36 years he was a trustee of the Park Avenue Congregational Church; also for 60 years an active member of the Masonic order, holding in 1920-21 the position of Grand Commander Knights Templar.

Comrade Towler's activities did not cease when the war ended, for he has been on the firing line of public service from that hour until the time of his death.

Comrade Towler's family consists of his wife, 8 living children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT,
ELL TORRANCE,
T. H. PEACOCK.



In Memoriam



CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

GEORGE M. MOTT, mustered out February 5, 1930
Department Commander, 1900

SAMUEL W. BACKUS, mustered out April 10, 1930
Department Commander, 1877
Senior Vice Commander in Chief, 1885

W. R. THOMAS, mustered out April 12, 1930
Department Commander, 1912

SILAS WILSON HOPKINS, mustered out June 19, 1930
Department Commander, 1922
Surgeon General, 1928

COLORADO AND WYOMING

U. S. HOLLISTER, mustered out September 3, 1929
Department Commander, 1897

W. E. MOSES, mustered out (no date given)
Department Commander (died in office)

CONNECTICUT

VIRGIL McNEIL, mustered out March 12, 1930
Department Commander, 1906

FLORIDA

W. FRANK KINNEY, mustered out September 2, 1929
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1926

IDAHO

F. T. PAGE, mustered out January 24, 1930
Department Commander, 1918



In Memoriam



ILLINOIS

JOHN OFFERMAN, mustered out August 9, 1929
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1927

JOHN UNDERFANGER, mustered out December 10, 1929
Department Senior Vice Commander, 1926

WILLIAM J. DICKINSON, mustered out February 19, 1930
Junior Vice Commander, 1924

INDIANA

E. R. BROWN, mustered out March 14, 1930
Department Commander, 1906

GIL R. STORMONT, mustered out March 24, 1930
Department Commander, 1890

ISAAC B. AUSTIN, mustered out June 17, 1930
Department Commander (died in office)

IOWA

W. S. FREEMAN, mustered out February 16, 1930
Department Commander, 1923

JOHN E. EWING, mustered out April 3, 1930
Department Commander (died in office)

KANSAS

THEODORE GARDNER, mustered out September 28, 1930
Department Commander, 1919

KENTUCKY

JOHN BARR, mustered out August 28, 1929
Department Commander, 1912

EDWIN FARLEY, mustered out September 18, 1929
Department Commander, 1914



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MAINE

NATHAN H. PILLSBURY, mustered out April 1, 1930
Department Commander, 1913

MARYLAND

CHARLES N. EMICLE, mustered out April 1, 1930
Department Commander, 1913

MICHIGAN

CHARLES A. BARTLETT, mustered out August 13, 1929
Department Commander, 1927

MINNESOTA

SILAS HOWELL TOWLER, mustered out April 23, 1930
Adjutant General, 1901
Junior Vice Commander in Chief, 1905
Department Commander, 1917

P. P. GORMAN, mustered out January 26, 1930
Department Commander, 1926

WILLIAM T. SCRAM, mustered out January 25, 1930
Department Commander, 1925

CHARLES H. TAYLOR, mustered out June 10, 1930
Department Commander, 1913

MISSOURI

WILLIAM LOWE, mustered out June 14, 1930
Department Commander, 1914

JOHN W. SCOTT, mustered out October 29, 1929
Department Commander, 1899



In Memoriam



NEBRASKA

HENRY STEVENS, mustered out May 21, 1930
Department Senior Vice Commander

JOHN G. HENDRYX, mustered out November 3, 1929
Junior Vice Commander, 1927

HENRY V. HOAGLAND, mustered out February 14, 1930
Department Commander, 1928

NEW JERSEY

GODFREY DILLAWAY, mustered out August 28, 1929
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1927

URIAH SEELEY, mustered out October 3, 1929
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1905
National Patriotic Instructor, 1915

AUGUSTUS VAN GIESEN, mustered out September 18, 1929
Department Commander, 1927

J. H. WHITE, mustered out December 29, 1929
Department Senior Vice Commander, 1924

NEW YORK

JOHN S. MAXWELL, mustered out May 19, 1929
Department Commander, 1906

ABRAHAM H. TOMPKINS, mustered out July 2, 1929
Department Senior Vice Commander (died in office), 1929

CYRUS J. WESTCOTT, mustered out February 1, 1930
Department Junior Vice Commander, 1911

OHIO

ALMON M. WARNER, mustered out January 22, 1930
Department Commander, 1891

OKLAHOMA

CYRUS P. GREEN, mustered out August 20, 1929
Department Commander, 1903



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POTOMAC

JOHN McELROY, mustered out October 12, 1929
Department Commander, 1896, 1920, 1921
Senior Vice Commander in Chief, 1901

SOUTH DAKOTA

FRANCIS S. SEBREE, mustered out (no date given)
Department Commander, 1918

R. T. SEDAM, mustered out September, 1929
Department Commander, 1926

TENNESSEE

J. H. SIMPSON, mustered out July 1, 1929
Department Commander, 1923

ANDREW J. GAHAGAN, mustered out November 17, 1929
Department Commander, 1891

VERMONT

WALTER W. MARTIN, mustered out October 3, 1929
Department Commander, 1928

WILLIAM H. PIERCE, mustered out December 1, 1929
Department Commander, 1928

A. C. STOUGHTON, mustered out March 15, 1930
Department Commander, 1926

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

A. A. STEVENS, mustered out November 17, 1929
Department Commander, 1919

WISCONSIN

JOHN WESLEY GANES, mustered out October 12, 1929
Department Commander, 1906

HENRY C. EATON, mustered out April 18, 1930
Department Commander, 1927

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First commander in chief

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ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations, staff officers now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEX, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS. MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. ² MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I., JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y.,
JUNE 17, 18, 1879**

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

**FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO,
JUNE 8, 9, 1880**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 21-23, 1882

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. E. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., JUNE 25, 26, 1883

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., JUNE 23-25, 1884

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., JUNE 24, 25, 1885

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts.
	{ GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLOR, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois.
	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL. AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSLER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

³ Died in office

**FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
AUGUST 16, 17, 1906**

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907**

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908**

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM R. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. McCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine. A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

⁴ Resigned.

FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH., SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,863.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 149,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

³ Died in office.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG., AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ³ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

**FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921**

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	Craven V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 10-15, 1924

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS F. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ CHAS. H. HENRY, ⁴ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ³ Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928

Headquarters established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tampa, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rev. CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, ME., SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929

Headquarters established in State House, Boston, Mass. Membership, 26,219.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Me.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rev. C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	J. H. WEBB, Boston, Mass.
<i>Assistant quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Chief of staff</i> -----	G. A. HOSLEY, West Somerville, Mass.
<i>Senior aide-de-camp</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.

REPORT

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 28, 1930.

To the commander in chief, officers, and members of the Sixty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Comes now your committee that was duly appointed to codify the laws enacted since the Blue Book of 1922, and begs leave to make the following report, to wit:

1. *Be it resolved*, That we disapprove the organization called the "Ku-Klux Klan." Whatever may be its purpose we believe its methods are un-American and that its existence is a standing menace to constitutional government and to the open and impartial administration of the law. The adoption of the name "Ku-Klux Klan" indicates a lack of knowledge of the history of our country. The name itself is enough to merit the condemnation of all those in whose veins flows the blood of the veterans of 1861-1865.

(Passed by unanimous vote of the Fifty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, as recorded at p. 82 in the journal of said encampment.)

2. *Resolved*, That no society of women which is not at this time associated or affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic shall be hereafter associated, affiliated, or recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic.

(Adopted by the fifty-fifth national encampment as recorded at bottom of p. 86 and on p. 87 of the journal of that year.)

3. The fifty-fifth national encampment, as recorded at page — of its journal, having under consideration the proper use of the Holy Bible and the Star-Spangled Banner, adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That we respectfully request our esteemed auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, to restore to the proper place on its altar the national flag and place thereon the Holy Bible as the two most select symbols of our national life.

4. The fifty-fifth national encampment, in regular session, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That all resolutions heretofore adopted by resolution or other act of this encampment concerning the location of the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in hotels at national encampments with relation to the national headquarters of our faithful auxiliaries be, and they are hereby, rescinded and that we return to the precedent established and followed for 37 years.

(See pp. 91 and 93 of the journal of said encampment.)

5. The fifty-fifth national encampment, at page 110 of its journal, adopted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic be so amended as to authorize posts of the order to employ a secretary or stenographer to be present at their meetings to record and transcribe the proceedings of the same in the journal kept for that purpose.

6. At the top of page 111 of the official journal of the fifty-fifth national encampment, in regular session, the following amendment was adopted:

Amend chapter 2, Article VII, section 1, by adding the word "quartermaster" after the word "adjutant" in the first line in the parentheses so that the section shall read: "Section 1. The post officers (the adjutant, quartermaster, sergeant major, and quartermaster sergeant excepted) shall be elected at the first stated meeting in December," etc. Add the word "quartermaster" after the word "adjutant" in second paragraph of section 1, so as to read: "At the installation of officers the post commander shall appoint the adjutant, quartermaster," etc.

7. The judge advocate general of the fifty-fifth national encampment, at page 155 of its official journal, decided that the council of administration of a department has the power to remit the dues of a delinquent post, in whole or in part, provided that such action does not in any way interfere with or change the amount properly due from the department to the national headquarters, which was officially approved by said encampment.

8. Under the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has power to restore the rank of a past department commander who has lost such honor, Blue Book, 1912 edition, chapter 3, article 2, page 59, paragraphs 6 and 7; but this power should not be exercised in cases where the rank has been forfeited by the voluntary act of the comrade. (Ibid.) His application to the national encampment must be addressed to the commander in chief in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Denver encampment, journal 1883, page 128. Under the rule in the Blue Book, 1912 edition, chapter 3, article 2, page 127, paragraph 4, the commander in chief may authorize the organization of posts in a foreign country.

9. In general orders, recorded at pages 220-221 of the official journal of the fifty-fifth national encampment, the following amendments are quoted, chapter 2, article 4, section 4, amended as follows:

SEC. 4. The late members of disbanded posts who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the assistant adjutant general of the department, shall receive from him transfer cards which shall have full force, or at the option of the applicant providing there is no post in the county in which the member of the disbanded post resides, his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the assistant adjutant general and to be known as comrades at large. Those so enrolled shall pay their dues semi-annually direct to the assistant adjutant general of 50 cents each, payable on the 1st day of January and 1st day of July of each year. The department encampment shall have the right to increase the amount of such dues at any meeting by resolution duly adopted. If the dues of any comrade at large shall remain unpaid for more than 30 days after the same is due he shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless his dues are paid within 10 days from the date of such notice he will stand suspended from the Grand Army of the Republic until all arrearages are paid. Any comrade at large whose dues remain unpaid for more than one year after the same are due shall be notified by the assistant adjutant general that unless all arrearages are paid within 30 days from the date of such notice he will be dropped from the roll and will no longer be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and that he can only be restored by making a written application, to be approved by the department, and by the payment of one year's dues. The provision of this section shall apply to all comrades who have been or shall hereafter be mustered in by the commander in chief or a department commander as provided in chapter 2, article 2, section 9.

10. The ritual was amended by changing the response of the senior vice commander to the post commander in the closing ceremonies

from "one country and one flag" to "one country, one language, and one flag." (See journal, p. 221.)

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11. In re Comrade W. C. Chandler, page 60, the evidence shows that as a Union volunteer on his way to be mustered in, he was captured and held in a rebel prison for 20 months until set free by the close of the war. Such a "muster in" was a more positive and sacred one than the administration of an oath by any mustering officer. The rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic make no mention of the "muster in" but do specify "service." There is no dispute about the fact that as a prisoner of war, a soldier of the United States Army, he was detained in prison for 20 months. From every point of view the technical requirements of service are satisfied in this case. The record of his discharge from prison should be accepted as an honorable discharge, fully satisfying the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, reversing the adverse decision of the commander of the Department of Tennessee, with an order that the name of William C. Chandler be restored to the roll of Post 106 of the Department of Tennessee, and that he be readmitted to all the privileges and honors hitherto bestowed upon him by his comrades.

12. The progressive report of the committee on incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic is recorded at page 67 of the journal.

13. The report of the committee on the address of the commander in chief and on the report of Thomas S. Hopkins, judge advocate general, is recorded at page 97 of the journal. (See the report of the judge advocate general in the Chandler case at pp. 154-155 of the journal.)

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ENCAMPMENT

14. In re William C. Chandler appeal, see pages 52-56 of the journal.

15. The progressive report of the committee on incorporation is recorded at page 72 of the journal.

16. The report of the committee on rules and regulations is recorded at page 73 of the journal, to the effect that as long as there is a post in existence in a department, the department still exists.

17. The report of the committee on resolutions recommending "That so much of the rules and regulations as is necessary be amended to provide for the members of the organization of Sons of Veterans meeting with the post in regular session without votes." The amendment in question was authorized by a two-thirds vote of the encampment. (See pp. 74-79 of the journal.)

18. The official journal fails to record the following resolution which the transcript shows was adopted by the encampment, to be optional with the several departments, to wit:

Resolved, That section 1, chapter 2, article 7, be amended by striking out the words "the first stated meeting in December" and substituting therefor the words "a stated meeting in October"; and also by striking out the words

"the first stated meeting in January" and inserting therefor the words "a stated meeting in November"; also by striking out all that portion of the section which refers to "inspection before installation," so it shall read: "The post officers (the adjutant, quartermaster, patriotic instructor, sergeant major, and quartermaster sergeant, excepted), shall be elected at a stated meeting in October by ballot, unless a ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent. (2) They shall be installed into their respective offices at a stated meeting in November following. (3) Such installation may be conducted publicly at a special meeting to be held for that purpose, when no part of the opening or closing services or signs of recognition shall be given." Also, to amend chapter 2, article 9, to read: "Each post shall, at a stated meeting in October, annually elect from its own members representatives and an equal number of alternates to the department encampment in the manner prescribed in section 3, chapter 3, article 2." Also to amend chapter 3, article 2, section 3, and chapter 5, article 3, sections 1, 2, and 3 to comply with the provisions called for by chapter 2, article 9.

19. Preamble and resolution as regards Memorial Day, established in General Orders, No. 11, issued May 5, 1868, by Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, then commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was adopted by the encampment with the following resolutions:

Resolved by the fifty-seventh national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in regular session assembled, this 7th day of September, 1923. That the proper steps be taken to secure the placing in the amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery of a bronze tablet bearing the engraved words of said order establishing Memorial Day.

20. A petition to Congress to make Lincoln's Birthday a holiday in the District of Columbia was unanimously adopted. (See p. 123 of the journal.)

21. See pages 248-250 for publication of the "Flag circular" pertaining to the manner of display, hanging, or saluting, with general information.

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22. In re case of Comrade William C. Chandler of Tennessee, see pages 50-56 of the journal to pages 68-69 for final disposition of the case.

23. Incorporation: The encampment adopted the following resolutions pertaining to the same:

(1) *Resolved*, That this national encampment does now accept the provisions of the bill, known as House bill No. 1869 of the first session of the Sixty-eighth Congress, known as the bill for the incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has now become a corporation in accordance with the provisions of that bill.

(2) *Resolved*, That the Grand Army of the Republic, incorporated by the Congress of the United States as a corporation of the District of Columbia, does hereby, in compliance with the terms of the act of incorporation establish as its principal office, to be kept and maintained in the city of Washington, D. C.; the office known as the headquarters of the Department of the Potomac, 1412 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

(See pp. 78-79 of the journal.)

24. The encampment adopted a further resolution urging Congress to make the birthday of Abraham Lincoln a legal holiday in the Capital of the Republic. (See p. 87 of the journal.)

25. In the matter of the status of the Sons of Veterans, see the report of the committee on rules, regulations, and ritual at pages 87-90 of the journal, resulting in no decisive action.

26. Question: Two posts are proposing to consolidate, pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of article 1, chapter 2, rules and regulations. One of these posts has complied with the provisions of that section and more than two-thirds of its members have voted in favor of the proposed consolidation; several members of the post oppose the consolidation and base their opposition on section 2. Held that section 2 applies only to the surrender of a post's charter and its disbandment and the termination of its existence as an active unit in the Grand Army of the Republic, while section 5, instead of providing for the termination of the activities of either of the consolidated posts, contemplates the continued activity of both, acting together as one organization. The decision of the judge advocate general in the journal of the encampment for the year 1900, at page 123, also the Blue Book, page 29, note 14, holds:

When two or more posts consolidate, the membership of all comrades in good standing in either post at the time of such consolidation becomes merged in that of the new post without any act or ceremony on the part of the individual members. Those voting against or not voting at all are equally bound with those voting for it, and should any member feel dissatisfied with his new post relations, his only remedy is to withdraw in the manner provided by the rules and regulations.

(See p. 166 of the Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment.)

27. Question: Should any post of the department surrender its charter, can the members thereof deposit the transfer cards issued to them by the assistant adjutant general of the department under section 4, article 4, Rules and Regulations, in a post of any other department, while still residing in the department of which said defunct post was a member? The judge advocate general answered in the affirmative as there is nothing in the Rules and Regulations to prohibit such action. (See pp. 166-167 of the Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment.)

28. The Rules and Regulations do not recognize any such thing as honorary membership. The national encampment so decided in 1874 and there has never been any change in the rule. (See Blue Book 1920, p. 168, current journal.)

29. Pertaining to Sons of Veterans: While the resolution adopted at the Fifty-seventh National Encampment made no change as regards the admission of the members of Sons of Veterans to the regular meetings of posts without vote in Grand Army of the Republic affairs it does not follow that the action taken was without effect. By its adoption the national encampment, which is the extreme authority, indicated its wish that the Sons of Veterans should or might be permitted to attend meetings of posts. It was not the intention of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the action thus taken, to create Sons of Veterans members in any sense or to any extent, of the order of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was only intended to make it possible for them to attend our meetings, without the privilege of taking any part in our government. They may be present at our meetings, witness all our proceedings, but they are not to have any vote in determining the action of any post, on any subject, at any time. They are made privileged and confidential spectators. It becomes permissible for posts to allow the attendance of Sons of Veterans at their meetings, although it is not

compulsory or mandatory. Posts can do so or not as they severally decide. (See pp. 168-169 of the decisions of adjutant general, Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment, approved by said encampment.)

30. Pertaining to the name of "Sons of Veterans": In considering recommendation of special committee that the name "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic" should become the name of "Sons of Veterans," the question arose as regards the legality of that action. Decision of judge advocate general holds at page 171 of the Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment that such action would be contrary to the avowed policy of the Grand Army of the Republic for more than 20 years last past and that in view of the stand which the national encampment has taken on the repeated applications for recommendation by the women's organization which styles itself the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, the proposed report and recommendation would not only be stultifying but would be inexcusably offensive to our good and loyal ally, the Daughters of Veterans.

31. Query: What is the least number of members a post can have and retain its charter? To which the judge advocate general answers (sec. 3, art. 4, chap. 2), that three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in posts of less than 15 members and while that number can not under the ritual open the post, I think it must be accepted as the smallest number of members that can retain the charter of the post. Section 4, article 1, chapter 5, furnishes a method of elimination from the roll posts not having the requisite number of members, it having been decided under that section that a charter may be forfeited for neglect to hold meetings. Blue Book 55. (See p. 171 of the official Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment.)

32. Query: (1) When a Grand Army of the Republic post ceases to exist, what becomes of the Relief Corps? (2) What becomes of their property? Answer: The termination of the existence of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic need not affect the continued existence of the Relief Corps organized as its auxiliary. The Women's Relief Corps is an individual organization governed by its own laws. If question No. 2 refers to the property owned by the post the laws of the Grand Army of the Republic make no provision concerning it. Its power to dispose of its property and the manner of such distribution must be determined by the laws of the State or States in which the department is located. (See pp. 172-173 of the official Journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment.)

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33. The report of committee on conference on name hereafter to be borne by the Sons of Veterans. Grand Rapids, Mich., September 3, 1925. Commander in Chief: Your committee on conference on name hereafter to be borne by the Sons of Veterans, beg leave to make the following report: First. We have thoroughly canvassed and investigated the subject matter as regards the change of name of the Sons of Veterans in harmony with the purposes for which we

understand we were appointed, and have held repeated and extended conferences with the committee of the Sons of Veterans during the current encampment week, and after mature deliberation and careful consideration of the facts and surrounding circumstances, your committee, together with the committee of the Sons of Veterans, have settled upon a change of name, and under date of September 1, 1925, the commandery in chief of the Sons of Veterans, in regular session in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., adopted the following resolutions, to wit:

Whereas, the commandery in chief of the Sons of Veterans in regular session in Milwaukee in 1923 adopted a resolution asking the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to name a committee representing that organization to confer with a committee to be named to represent the order of the Sons of Veterans, to consider, among other things, a change in the name of the order of the Sons of Veterans that would more clearly indicate and designate of whom the order consists; and

Whereas, Dr. L. F. Arensberg, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, has named a committee to represent that organization consisting of Past Commanders in Chief Willett, Burton, and King; and

Whereas, that committee has communicated to the committee representing our order, that they have unanimously decided to recommend to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, adopt the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War": Be it

Resolved, That the commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans in regular session do hereby adopt the recommendation of the committee representing the the Grand Army of the Republic, and subject to the approval by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the recommendation of their committee, such portions of the constitution and regulations of the order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, as pertain to the name of the order, be repealed, and in lieu thereof the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" be adopted and inserted; and be it further

Resolved, That a committee be named by the commander in chief with full power to act upon such details as may be found necessary to change the constitution and regulations, ritual, badges, and all forms, reports, and papers to conform to the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"; and further to take such legal action as may be necessary to cause the corporate name of the order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, to be changed to that of "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

The above resolution was adopted at a regular session of the commandery in chief of the Sons of Veterans, held in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday, September 1, 1925.

W. M. COFFIN,
Commander in Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER, *National Secretary.*

The original of these resolutions, certified as above, are hereto attached marked "Exhibit A," and made a part of this report.

Therefore, your committee, in furtherance of the foregoing action of the Sons of Veterans, do hereby approve of the name therein adopted, to wit, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and we unanimously recommend to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session that this change of name shall be, and hereby is, approved by this national encampment.

The Fifty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic unanimously adopted the above and foregoing report and in connection therewith a further report was made as follows, to wit:

Second. Your committee makes further report: That in order that the status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be

more clearly indicated and determined in its relation with the Grand Army of the Republic, we have agreed upon and report for the consideration of this encampment the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session in Grand Rapids, Mich., this 3d day of September, A. D. 1925, do hereby recognize the noble, generous, and patriotic objects, aims, and purposes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and believe that organization to be worthy of the support and encouragement of all loyal people; and be it further

Resolved, That we cheerfully extend to the said Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a cordial welcome as an allied society of the Grand Army of the Republic and we bid this organization of our sons godspeed in the noble work to which it is consecrated, and recommend all departments, posts, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to accept their services on all occasions when it is proper so to do, to the end that it may increase and prosper and teach to future generations of our Nation the principles of fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

Said report was also duly adopted by said national encampment. (See pp. 73-75 of the Official Journal of the Fifty-ninth National Encampment.)

34. The committee having under consideration the matter of the change of name of the Daughters of Veterans made the following report: Grand Rapids, Mich., September 3, 1925. Commander in Chief: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of change of name of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, a recognized allied organization, having under consideration the matter of the change of name of said Daughters of Veterans, have met in conference with the committee of said organization and agreed upon their change of name for submission to this national encampment for its approval; and in furtherance thereof the national convention of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans in session at Grand Rapids, Mich., under date of September 1, 1925, has accepted and adopted said proposed change of name by formal resolutions, as follows, to wit:

Whereas, at the national convention of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, held at Boston, Mass., August, 1924, a resolution was adopted to change the name of that organization to "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War," subject to the approval of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas, the committee appointed by Dr. L. F. Arensberg, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to confer with a committee from the Sons of Veterans on change of name of that organization, has recommended that the name be changed to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," subject to the approval of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the recommendation of their committee; and

Whereas, the committee from the Grand Army of the Republic has recommended to the national convention of the Daughters of Veterans that that organization adopt the name of "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War": Be it

Resolved, That we accede to their request by ratification of the action of our last national convention in Boston, 1924; and be it further

Resolved, That such portions of the constitution of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans as pertain to the name of the order be, and are hereby, repealed, and in lieu thereof the name "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War" be inserted; and be it further

Resolved, That a committee be named at once by the national president with full power to act on such details as may be necessary to change the constitution, ritual, badges, and all forms and reports to conform to the name "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and further to take such legal action as

may be necessary to change our articles of incorporation to conform to the change in name.

The above resolutions were adopted at a regular session of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans held in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., September 1, 1925.

MAYBELLE PLYMIRE,
National President.

Attest:

EDNA WADSWORTH, *National Secretary.*

The original of these resolutions, certified as above, are hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A" of this report.

That in furtherance of the foregoing resolutions your committee hereby recommends to this national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the name approved in said resolutions, viz, "Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War" be, and is hereby, approved by this national encampment.

which was adopted by unanimous vote of the Fifty-ninth national encampment as shown in the official Journal thereof at pages 75-76.

35. The Fifty-ninth national encampment adopted, by unanimous vote, the following resolution, to wit: "That there be 1 representative for every 100 members, and for every fraction over 50, in future national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic." (See p. 86 of the official Journal Fifty-ninth National Encampment.)

36. In April, 1922, at our State encampment a resolution from this post was adopted to make the pledge of allegiance to our flag read, "I pledge allegiance to the American Flag," etc. It was presented at the national encampment at Des Moines and adopted there. In Boston at the encampment a resolution to have it read "the flag of the United States," etc., was adopted, without rescinding the vote at Des Moines. Was that legal?

In answer will say that the rule universally adopted by the courts in the construction of statutes applies here. The action of a legislative body on any matter within its power, that is inconsistent with its action previously taken, operates as a repeal by implication. The only restriction on the power of the national encampment to legislate on any subject within its objects as stated in article 2, rules and regulations, is that found in article 16 concerning alterations and amendments to the rules and regulations and ritual. The adoption of a form of flag salute falls within the avowed objects of the Grand Army of the Republic, but there is nothing in rules and regulations relating thereto. As the two resolutions are irreconcilably inconsistent with each other, the action taken at Boston operated as a repeal by implication of the resolution adopted at Des Moines, and was strictly legal. (See decisions of judge advocate general at pp. 131-132 of the official Journal of the Fifty-ninth National Encampment.)

37. Whether or not a department commander is obliged to appoint a mustering officer to install the officers of every post in the department? Answer: No such duty is imposed on the department commander by the rules and regulations. The prefatory statement to the installation ceremonies in the service book would seem to impose this duty, but this is no part of the law of the organization. The word "shall," as there used, is merely directory and not mandatory. The department commander is not obliged to appoint any

mustering officer or installing officer, except chief mustering officer of the department. (See p. 135 of the official Journal of the Fifty-ninth National Encampment.)

38. Appointment of a member of the Sons of Veterans as acting assistant adjutant general and acting assistant quartermaster general by department commander is not legal. Rules and regulations contain no provision authorizing the appointment of one not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic to that position. All official documents issued by or emanating from the offices of assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general of that department to be entitled to recognition, must be attested by the signature of that officer. However, he may consent to the employment of one not a member of the order to do the manual work incident to those offices and he may authorize such assistant to affix his (the assistant adjutant general's or assistant quartermaster general's) signature thereto, but the responsibility must rest upon him. (See pp. 135-136 official Journal Fifty-ninth National Encampment.)

39. Under the rules and regulations as they have heretofore been applied, the honor of past post commander can only be acquired by actual service. One must serve a full year as post commander—or until the consolidation of his post with another, unless he is elected to fill a vacancy, in which case he must serve to the end of the term. (See art. 3, sec. 2, rules and regulations; Blue Book, issues of 1902 and 1912.) A resolution conferring the rank of past post commander by the department encampment was therefore illegal and void. (See p. 136 official Journal Fifty-ninth National Encampment.)

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40. The special committee to whom was referred the matter of the consolidation of the organization "Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic" with our allied organization "The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War" made their report, saying: "We find from investigation and conference that there exists irreconcilable differences between these organizations that prevent consolidation in any form; hence the work of your committee within the limit of its authority is concluded." Report approved and committee discharged. (See p. 62 of the Journal, Sixtieth National Encampment.)

41. The report of the committee on the future status of the Grand Army of the Republic: At the fifty-ninth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Grand Rapids, in September, 1925, it was ordered that a committee of three should be appointed to report to the next encampment on the status of the Grand Army of the Republic, and what disposition shall be made when they pass out of existence. (Journal, p. 81.) The committee later appointed according to this direction submit the following report: In their opinion the Grand Army's life will be prolonged for a considerable period of time. As the years pass various questions of method and policy may require consideration. At present, however, no such questions require attention. The needs of the future can best be left to the judgment of the comrades who may be assembled in encampment at the time. We, therefore, have now no recommendations to

submit, and request that we be discharged as a committee. Report approved and committee discharged. (See p. 82 of the Official Journal, Sixtieth National Encampment.)

42. Decoration Day: When Gen. John A. Logan established Decoration Day, by general order, May 5, 1868, and when the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of 1877 adopted article 14 of rules and regulations establishing Memorial Day, their purpose was to commemorate the deeds of our fallen comrades. But when the national encampment met at Columbus, Ohio, in 1919, C. E. Adams, who was then commander in chief, recommended the advisability of broadening and extending Memorial Day exercises to include the graves of the soldiers of all our wars, and asked the unanimous consent of the encampment thereto, and that such action be taken as would make it the permanent policy of our order to hold sacred the resting places of all those who had served our country in times of war. (See Journal of Fifty-third National Encampment, p. 103.) This was unanimously approved by the national encampment. Past Commander in Chief William A. Ketcham, in his Memorial Day order, issued in the succeeding year, included therein the following:

Let the soldiers of all wars be formally invited to participate in your exercises to the end that they may fully appreciate that it was by and through your service and your sacrifices that they were privileged to do for the world what you had the opportunity to do for the land you loved. An examination of the Memorial Day orders subsequently issued show that since that time our several commanders in chief have recognized the fact that all barriers were thrown down, and that the day should be devoted to the purpose of doing honor to the memory of all who have served our country at any time in any war, and that all patriotic citizens are invited to participate in its observance. Article 14 still stands as originally adopted. It should be amended to conform with that which has been our uniform practice for years.

(See p. 148 of the Official Journal, Sixtieth National Encampment.)

43. Whether or not our ritual should be loaned to any other organization, to conduct a funeral for Civil War comrades or anyone else: The judge advocate general gave his opinion that: The burial service of the Grand Army of the Republic is no part of our secret work, and I do not think any provision of Grand Army law will be violated by allowing its use by any other organization in conducting a funeral for any person. It is a beautiful service, and an application for permission to use it would, in my judgment, be evidence of appreciation and unobjectionable.

(Approved, November 3, 1925. See p. 151 of the official journal, Sixtieth National Encampment.)

44. Admission of Sons of Veterans to visit Grand Army Posts: When a Son of Veteran seeks admission to a Grand Army post he should convince the commander that he is a Son of Veteran in good standing. He should then be admitted simply as a visitor with no power to vote or to act in any way as if he were a member of the post. They can not be given our countersign, nor can we require that they have a visiting card from their camp. It will be enough if they can convince us that they are members of the Sons of Veterans, and whether or not their evidence of that fact is sufficient is left entirely to the commander of the post. (See decision of judge advocate, p. 152, official journal, Sixtieth National Encampment.)

45. Employment of a person not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic to do the clerical work of a post: Such persons can be employed to keep the minutes of a post or its accounts, or do any other clerical work necessary, but they do not, in any sense, thereby become officers of the post. They may do the clerical work of the adjutant or of the quartermaster but they do not, thereby, become either adjutant or quartermaster or acquire any other rights incident to membership. They should not be installed into office and while they may write the reports of such officers, the report must be signed by the officer himself and must evidence his official action. No one not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic can hold any office in any post nor be installed into any office therein. (See decision of judge advocate general, p. 153 official journal, Sixtieth National Encampment.)

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ENCAMPMENT

46. Report of committee on rules and regulations adopted September 15, 1927: Incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic. Your committee on incorporation respectfully reports that a bill was passed by both Houses of Congress and became a law incorporating the Grand Army of the Republic. A copy of this bill (known as House bill No. 1869 of the first session of the Sixty-eighth Congress) can be found on pages 180 and 181 of the journal of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment held at Boston, Mass., in 1924. The national encampment accepted the provisions of this bill.

(1) Membership: *Be it enacted*, That article 2, chapter 3, of the Rules and Regulations shall be, and is hereby, amended by adding thereto as regards members the following provision:

Be it enacted, That all members in good standing in any department may become members of the department encampment wherein they reside at the option of the department.

(2) *Be it enacted*, That section 2, article 1, chapter 2, of the Rules and Regulations be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following provision:

That in all cases of disbanded posts, the disposition of the charter and other property pertaining to the organization of such posts and management thereof (exclusive of the funds) may be made in such manner as the department in which such posts are located shall determine and direct from time to time.

(3) *Be it enacted*, That members of disbanded posts who are in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the assistant adjutant general of the department, shall receive from him transfer cards which shall be in full force and effect; or at the option of the comrade, his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the assistant adjutant general and known as a roll of comrades at large, and the comrades who avail themselves of the privilege to become members at large shall retain such honors as belonged to them as post commanders and all rights and privileges thereto belonging. Comrades thus enrolled shall pay such dues as may be required by the department to which they belong.

(4) *Be it enacted*, That paragraph 3, article 2, chapter 4, of the Rules and Regulations be, and the same is hereby, amended and shall read as follows:

Past department commanders, past senior and junior vice department commanders, past national adjutants and quartermasters general, who have served for a full term of one year, or who filled a vacancy and shall have served to the end of the term, so long as they remain in good standing in their several departments; and of one representative for each 100 members in good standing therein, and one additional representative for a major fraction of more than one-half, such representatives to be elected by the department encampment. Any department having less than 100 members and more than one-half of that number shall be entitled to one representative in addition to one representative at large.

(5) *Be it enacted*, That any department may require its posts and comrades at large to pay their annual dues on the 31st day of December of each year for the following year in a single payment.

Sons of Veterans: *Be it enacted*, That posts in the several departments may admit the Sons of Veterans at their option, to meetings of said posts, but not to participate in any of the proceedings by vote or otherwise. They can be engaged by the posts to act as secretary if so desired. Small bar pin, marked "Sec'y G. A. R. Post," will be furnished.

Dues and revenues: *Be it enacted*, That article 3, section 1, be changed to read as follows:

The per capita tax, until further determined upon, shall be fixed at 3½ cents per annum on each and every member in good standing therein on the 31st day of December of each year, and that the same shall be paid to the national quartermaster general in one payment on or before the 15th day of February following. The above does not change section 3 of article 3. Form C and D reports must be sent in promptly.

Bond of the treasurer of the permanent fund. At the Sixty-first National Encampment, held at Grand Rapids in 1927, it was voted to reduce the bond of the treasurer of the permanent fund from \$40,000 to \$5,000. This was done for the reason that \$32,000 of the permanent fund in his hands is invested in bonds and securities in the actual possession of a trust company in Pittsburgh which can not be converted except by action of the national encampment or its executive committee. This bond of \$5,000 protects the checking account of the treasurer of the permanent fund, which seldom if ever exceeds that amount.

Annual meeting of posts: Departments may permit posts to hold their annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., at any time between October 1 and January 1. Adopted September 15, 1927. (See pp. 92 and 93, Official Journal, Sixty-first National Encampment.)

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47. Report of committee on Rules and Regulations: (1) *Be it enacted, etc.*, That chapter 4, article 2, section 1, be amended by adding the words "Past surgeons general, past chaplains in chief, past

adjutants general, and past quartermasters general." (2) Add to article 10, provisional departments, the following:

SEC. 3. That should any department become extinct and cease to function as a department, the surviving members thereof may retain their membership in the Grand Army of the Republic as members at large, and the adjutant general is required to keep a roll of such members at large for their benefit at national headquarters. For registry such members shall be required to pay annually as dues the sum of \$1, to be remitted to said adjutant general.

Adopted September 20, 1928. (See pp. 104-105, Official Journal, Sixty-second National Encampment.)

48. The resolution passed by the Sixty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic directing that the incoming administration prepare a suitable badge with a bar bearing the words "Honorary member" to be worn by such secretary when performing the duties of adjutant or quartermaster of a post or department is annulled by the decision of the judge advocate general.

This resolution is merely a recommendation and not mandatory. The Grand Army of the Republic has no honorary members. The badge to be worn by the members and officers was adopted by the National Grand Army of the Republic at its special session, October, 1869, with the adoption of an additional device in 1886. Only members of the Grand Army of the Republic are entitled to wear this badge, according to the rules and regulations of the order, and in some States the State laws forbid the wearing of any badge that may be mistaken for the Grand Army badge by persons not members of the Grand Army of the Republic. The words "Honorary member" as recommended in the resolution to be placed on the badge will be misleading. The inference would be that the person wearing the badge was an honorary member of the order. Therefore the recommendation should not be complied with as to the words to be placed on the badge. A substantial compliance with the resolution would be to have a badge with a bar bearing the words "Secretary of post" or "Secretary to department," as the case may be, and furnished on request for use in posts and departments. This kind of a badge would be a recognition of the one acting as secretary and would meet the intent of the resolution, and not conflict with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic. The full matter of the preparation of such a badge as suggested or whether there shall be such a badge at all should be left entirely to the discretion of the commander in chief. (See p. 156, official journal, Sixty-second National Encampment.)

ITEM FROM THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

49. At the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in regular session, at Portland, Me., on September 11, 1929, the report of the committee on rules and regulations recommended that a committee be appointed by the incoming commander in chief to codify the laws enacted since 1922 and publish the same for the information of members, to be incorporated in the official journal of 1930

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[See report of committee on resolutions]

50. *Be it enacted*, That posts in the several departments may admit, at their option, to meetings of said posts, the members of the Woman's Relief Corps and the members of each of our other allied women's organizations, but not to participate in any official proceedings of the post by vote or otherwise, except in so far as it becomes necessary in the keeping and reading of reports on the part of any such members who may be acting in the capacity of secretary to either the adjutant or quartermaster, to which position of secretary any such member may be appointed by the post commander on the recommendation of the adjutant and quartermaster.

51. Whereas, our ranks are fast thinning: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That each department be entitled to a representative to the national encampment for 50 members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing in the department.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

52. Question. Must the senior vice be reinstalled before he can act as commander of the department?

The commander in chief referred the department to section 2, article 6, chapter 3, Rules and Regulations, 1922, which did not satisfy the inquiring mind, and the question is now referred to the undersigned.

The question propounded includes the word "reinstalled," and as so formed should be answered in the negative, because it is evident that the question intended is, "Must the senior vice be installed before he can act as commander of the department?" which contemplates a vacancy in the office of department commander.

We assume that the senior vice was installed, and when a vacancy occurred in the office of the department commander, and under the rule cited, "the senior vice commander shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office."

It is the law that an officer must be installed before he can act, and a comrade assuming office without having first been installed is not a legal officer, or afterwards entitled to rank as a past officer. (See "Installation of officers," bottom of p. 174, Grand Army Blue Book, 1912.)

The question as corrected to conform to the true intent of same must be answered in the affirmative, and in case of vacancy, where the senior vice succeeds by operation of law, he must be installed as department commander.

53. The department commander of Missouri submits certain propositions to the commander in chief for answer, which are in turn submitted to your judge advocate.

Proposition No. 1: "When a post regularly elects a man to membership and musters him in, and afterwards discovers the man was not eligible to membership, can that post rescind their action in said election and drop the man's name from the roll?"

Answer: No. Charges should be preferred and notice served on interested party to appear and defend. If proven as stated in the question, it would be the bounden duty of the post to expel the intruder; otherwise not. However, if the post did rescind and the interested party has not appealed the matter, he will be bound thereby in estoppel.

Proposition No. 2: "Is a person eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic whose only service was in the Enrolled Missouri Militia, and who can not produce a discharge?"

Answer: No. Unless said enrolled militia was such State regiment as was called into active service and subjected to the orders of the United States general officers as stated in article 4, chapter 1, Rules and Regulations.

Query: (1) Whether or not a department commander is justified in directing that the record be erased from the records of a post in case of an irregular court-martial, and (2) whether the department commander has any authority to suspend a post commander without any charges having been preferred against him, and without giving him a right to be heard, where the post commander arbitrarily refused to comply with the order of department commander directing him to expunge such record.

BRIEF

Courts-martial.—Chapter 5, article 6, section 3, Rules and Regulations, provides that:

Court-martial may be ordered by posts or by department commanders, or by the commander in chief for the trial of offenders in their respective jurisdiction: *Provided*, That department officers designated in section 2, article 4, chapter 3, other than department commander, shall only be tried by courts ordered by the department commander or commander in chief, and one of the department officials mentioned in said section 2, article 4, chapter 3, is the department patriotic instructor!

Section 6, article 6, chapter 5, provides that:

No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the Grand Army of the Republic, except by court-martial convened by order of the commander in chief, shall be carried into execution until after the whole proceeding shall have been laid before the officer next superior to the one ordering the court for his confirmation or disapproval, and orders thereon.

Appeals (art. 7, sec. 1, ch. 3, and p. 70 of the Blue Book, 1912).—Appeals from the acts of a department commander as distinguished from appeals from his decisions in appealed cases must be taken to the department of encampment if in session, and if not in session, an appeal from the original act of the department commander may be made direct to the commander in chief. All decisions appealed from shall have full force and effect until reversed by competent authority.

Appeals from the acts of posts or post commanders must be taken within four months from the act complained of, and all other appeals within six months from rendering the decision complained of. (Grand Army Blue Book, 1912, pp. 112 and 113.)

Suspension (par. 17, p. 124, Blue Book of 1912).—A department commander or the commander in chief may suspend an officer from the discharge of his official duties, but not from his rights as a member. A plea to the jurisdiction of a court is never too late. (See par. 40, p. 127, Blue Book of 1912.)

DECISION

1. In harmony with the foregoing record, and in accord with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am of the fixed and unqualified opinion that the action of the department commander is justified in directing that the record be erased from the records of Post No. 139.

2. From the record of this case I am also of the fixed and unqualified opinion that the department commander had full authority to suspend Comrade D. S. Beemer from the office of post commander, as the record shows he did, without any charges having been preferred against him and without giving the said Comrade D. S. Beemer any right to be heard.

N. B.—See journal record, decision judge advocate general.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C., and L.

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